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HOMES & Gardens

Soroptimists' make cheque presentation to Ty Hafan



ON March 28, Bridgend Soroptimists president Eurwen presented £825 to Emma Anthony from Ty Hafan, the children's hospice in Sully.

The hospice opened in 1999 to serve children with life-limiting medical conditions and support their families.

It is self-funding and relies mainly on the generosity of people in Wales and beyond, in order to maintain the initiative which provides life-enhancing care, both in the hospice itself and also in the community.

Bridgend Soroptimists raised this donation by holding various events throughout the year and were humbled by the presentation given to the club by Emma, who enthusiastically relayed the work undertaken by the 'virtual army' of dedicated staff and helpers who make this wonderful establishment a joy to behold.

For more information on Soroptimist International, check out the website <http://sigbi.org/bridgend-and-district> or find us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/BridgendSoroptimists>.
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The players distributed eggs donated by staff of Westacres and sister company, Morganstone to the children.

Rhys Webb said: "It's fantastic to be able to join the team from Westacres and bring a little bit of happiness to the children on the ward. I think the Easter Bunny proved more popular with her Easter eggs, but if we helped to make their stay in hospital a little bit more enjoyable, then it was worth every minute of our time."

NAO rail report sparks MP's ire

A CLAIM by Ogmore MP Chris Elmore that Prime Minister Theresa May is pushing multi-billion-pound infrastructure projects in London at the expense of rail electrification to Swansea has been rebuffed by the Department for Transport (DfT).

Mr Elmore, in response to a National Audit Office (NAO) report that said PM May took the decision to cancel electrification between Cardiff and Swansea, called her actions "disgraceful".

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Maesteg MVC gig cancelled; refunds, alternatives offered

DUE to the adverse weather conditions, Maesteg Male Voice Choir's St David's Day concert had to be postponed, but a decision has been made to cancel the event for this year.

Anyone who bought a programme for the event will now be able to use the cost (£5 per programme) against the entry price to our annual concert on May 12 (£10 per ticket on production of the original programme).

Alternatively, a refund can be given on production of the original programme; details of this from any choir member.

The choir's annual concert will be at

Maesteg Town Hall on May 12, commencing at 7pm with doors open at 6.30pm.

Soprano and radio presenter Shân Cothi has agreed to star in this year's concert. Shân also starred in the S4C production of *Con Passionate* and played Carlotta in *The Phantom of the Opera* in the West End.

Garry Owen, BBC presenter, will be the MC for the evening, making his second appearance in this role for the choir.

Entry for this concert will be £10 and the organisers hope that large numbers will turn out to make this special event a success.

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Easter Sunday at St Michael's

IN the parish of Colwinston, Llandow and Llysorweny, St Michael's Colwinston was decorated for Easter Sunday with more than 70 lilies bought by villagers in remembrance of loved ones and the names were read out at the end of the service.

In preparation for Holy Week on Palm Sunday, Collin the donkey led a procession to Llandow Church and as the star of the show,

stood very quietly at the front of the church during the service.

The children fed him carrots and everyone stroked the cross on his back.

On Maundy Thursday, the Last Supper was celebrated in Llysorweny Church and on Good Friday, there was a service at 12 noon in Llandow. At 1pm, a group carrying the cross walked through the rain and mud to Colwinston for a service at 2pm.

This was a prayerful week culminating in a joyful Easter Sunday with chocolate eggs for all the congregation.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Horticultural society trip

LLANTWIT MAJOR Horticultural Society's first coach trip of the year to Sherborne Castle and Gardens in Dorset takes place on Sunday, April 29, leaving the car park behind the Llantwit Major Rugby Club at 8.30am.

The trip costs £30 per person, coach and entry included. Contact Elizabeth Rees on 01446 750387 - all welcome.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'Nature with a camera' by Richard Marks, at 2pm on Wednesday, April 11 in Cowbridge town Hall.

Visitors welcome. There is a small fee which includes refreshments. See www.u3sites.org.uk/cowbridge.

'An evening of musical splendour' in aid of Mayor's charity fund

'AN Evening of Musical Splendour' concert at St Mary's Catholic Church on Friday, March 23, was outstanding with local choirs and artists participating.

The concert was arranged by the Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeals standing committee and their compère for the evening was Angela Keller, headteacher of Archbishop McGrath Catholic School.

Father Philip Mangham welcomed everyone to St Mary's Catholic Church and explained that this year, the present church marks its 20th anniversary as it had its first celebration of Mass on Christmas Day 1998 and a number of special events are planned for 2019 to celebrate that.

The Omore Valley Male Choir's programme was very well chosen and their musical director Eira Paskin and accompanist Gareth Waite kept the chorists

under control and well rehearsed.

The choir is about 50-strong and still growing; they enjoy singing traditional male voice repertoire, also modern songs and ballads, and these are often requested for weddings.

The Llangwydd Junior School Choir is made up of children between the ages of seven and 11 years, who meet after school every Tuesday to enjoy learning and singing a repertoire of songs, including contemporary pop songs, traditional English and Welsh songs and some from musicals.

Their musical director, Darryl Evans, is the conductor and accompanist and headteacher Neil Clode, encourages and supports pupils whenever, wherever they perform.

One soloist was Beverley Davies, who comes from Risca but has strong connections with the Bridgend area. She was outstanding, and pleased the audience

with her repertoire.

Beverley has entered numerous talent contests and won 'Welsh Factor' in 2011 and her love for music showed in her choice of song. She is always ready to assist in charity events.

James Evans-Jones is an A-Level student at Porthcawl Comprehensive school studying music, drama, ICT and business studies and hopes to continue his love and passion for musical theatre and study it in university.

James has taken many roles in school productions and has been a member of Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) since the age of seven.

This year he was Billy Bigelow in the BYT's *Carousel* and for his school show, he took the title role in *Phantom of the Opera*. A wonderful artist with a wonderful voice and personality.

Lowri Mai Keir is a year-4 pupil at Ysgol-y-Ferch o'r Sgêr, Corneli aged eight and has a beautiful voice. She

enjoys performing and sang two traditional Welsh songs.

Mrs Keller praised the artists and choirs for their contribution to the concert in aid of the three chosen charities and stated how fortunate we are to have such wonderful talent in the county borough of Bridgend.

The Mayor, Cllr Pam Davies thanked the church, compère and all participants for supporting the event and entertaining to such a high standard.

The audience were very appreciative and the charity committee would like to thank everybody for attending and supporting the event, with the charity benefiting by £360.

The next event is on Wednesday, April 11 - 'A Social Evening with a Difference' at the Heronston Hotel at 6.30pm for 7pm with entertainment. Charities will have stalls.

Tickets (£10) to include a light buffet.

To book or reserve tickets or for further information, please contact M Major on 01656 651491; or M Thomas on 01656 871439. AS

Bridgend Quiz League teasers

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. In which city is the 'Goose Fair' held annually?
2. Which constellation is known as 'The Hunter'?
3. Which 20th century author devised the character 'Christopher Robin'?

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Answers:
1. Nottingham.
2. Orion.
3. AA Milne.

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Seeking golfers for charity event

KPC Youth and Community is holding its 20th annual charity golf day on Friday, June 22 at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

Team entry for teams of four is £160 per team (or take advantage of the early bird offer of just £140 if paid by end of April 2018).

Entry includes coffee on arrival, golf fees and a buffet meal following the

round of golf and entry into the golf prize competition. Come along for a great day's golf and the chance to support a local charity.

Sponsorship is also sought for raffle and auction prizes or £50 to sponsor a hole - your support would be really appreciated.

For team entry forms and more details, contact Alison on 01656 749219 or visit kpcyouth@hotmail.com.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 12)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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08 Sun			12.23	7.5
09 Mon	00.58	7.2	13.38	7.1
10 Tues	02.31	7.1	15.22	7.2
11 Wed	03.58	7.4	16.36	7.5
12 Thur	04.58	8.0	17.24	8.2

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Jade continues fundraising to help her walk

JADE OWEN and all her fundraisers are pleased to inform GEM readers that the fundraising Valentine's dance was a great success – thanks to all who helped and to The GEM for spreading the word.

The GEM has been closely following Jade's fundraising progress over the last couple of years for an operation to enable her to walk and can announce that Jade has two further events for 'Wish to Walk' in April and May.

The first one is a fun evening at the Riverboat, Caerau. This is an Ann Summers charity event organised by Laura Louise and Jade's mum, Jane.

Information and tickets are available from Jane at <https://www.facebook.com/jane.owen.351>.

There will be tombola, raffles, games and plenty of laughs. Tickets are £10 each for this event on Friday, April 20 from 7pm-11pm which



Jade Owen is pictured with Dr Parks.

includes food.

The second event is on Friday, May 18 and full details are yet to be finalised, but the evening will include plenty of music and dancing, with fundraising raffles from 7pm to 11pm and again, tickets will cost £10, including food and can be obtained from Jane Owen.

Even if you cannot join the party, it is possible to help Jade's cause by making a donation at <https://www.gofundme.com/jade-wish-to-walk>.

The date of Jade's second operation has been provisionally set for later this year but does depend on her raising at least another £30,000 in

three months – an unenviable task.

The centre of world excellence for Jade's condition is in St Louis, Missouri, where Dr Parks performs an operation called Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR). Jade is well known to Dr Parks and he has given the go ahead for the second operation this year.

The fundraising must continue in earnest in order to fund the extensive physio and the second operation.

Jade and her family remain optimistic and send their thanks to all who have made contributions, big or small.

Any donation will go directly to help Jade walk. Jade's efforts to improve in her college studies and her physical wellbeing are exemplary and set a good example to all those who walk, run and dance without a second thought.

Jade's dream is something that most of us accept without thinking – why not dig deep and make a donation or attend the events?

GORDON TRIGG



Left to right: Wendy Davies-Williams, Lydia Nicholson, Elizabeth Campbell, and Jan Hoskins.

Art Society's exhibition

PORHCRAWL Art Society is delighted to have its spring exhibition on display in John Street, Porthcawl (above the museum).

It was judged by Lesley Dearn, who agreed to take on the task of selecting the award winners.

Everyone was delighted by Lesley's approach, as she gave an in-depth description on each individual artwork as to how she to her decision for the different awards.

The most original prize was won by Wendy Davies-Williams with her oil painting of Oak King.

First prize was awarded to Lydia Nicholson with her oil painting of the Cornish coastline, second was



The judge was Lesley Dearn, an artist who teaches and runs workshops in the area.

awarded to Elizabeth Campbell with her acrylic painting of Mumbles Lighthouse and third prize was to Jan Hoskins with her pastel painting of a king vulture titled Who's a pretty boy then.

There were three

highly commended prize winners: Robert Taylor, with his watercolour painting of Tornados at Dawn; Tricia Simon with her acrylic painting of Stormy Lighthouse and Jeff Barnes with his watercolour painting of Wren.

There were also three commended prizes winners: Elaine Evans with her mixed media painting of Pen-y-Fan; Marilyn John with her watercolour painting of Snowdon and Eva Evans with her watercolour painting of cranes.

The exhibition will run up to April 14. It is well worth a visit as there is an amazing display of original artworks up in the gallery.

Open Wednesdays, 1.30pm-3pm and Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 11am-3pm.

We are currently on the lookout for new members to join us. Just drop in to one of our Wednesday workshops if you are interested. We meet between 1.30pm-3.30pm or 7pm-9pm.

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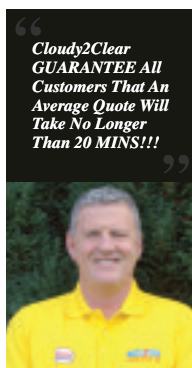
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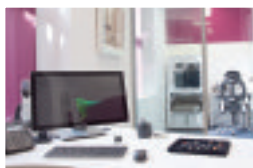
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Did the brother of a Porthcawl man shoot down the Red Baron? Porthcawl at war, April 1918, by Ceri Joseph



Bertie John.

LOCAL historian Ceri Joseph of Porthcawl Museum continues her fascinating series on life in Porthcawl 100 years ago, when World War One was still raging. This week, she looks at April 1918.

The role of aviation evolved rapidly throughout the First World War.

What began as a means for reconnaissance soon had to adapt new roles. Fighter aircraft were developed to shoot down enemy planes whilst other aircraft were equipped to drop bombs.

By 1917, the growing superiority of German fighter planes, and the bombing of England by Zeppelins, led to an authorised review of British Air Services by South African General Jan Smuts. 'The Smuts Report' resulted in the amalgamation of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service to form the Royal Air Force and the Women's Royal Air Force. The world's first independent air force.

In 1914, the RFC had 84 planes and the RNAS, 71 and seven airships. By the end of the war the RAF had approximately 22,000 aircraft, 300,000 airmen and over 9,000 women working as clerks, fitters, drivers, cooks and storekeepers; both home and in France.

In 1920, the war having ended, it was decided to disband the WRAF, yet the service would re-emerge again in 1939. Further, it is interesting to note that, in 1939 the operational strength of the RAF was about 2,000 aircraft.

During the First World War, German air power was epitomised in the guise of Baron Manfred Von

Richthofen, 'The Red Baron.'

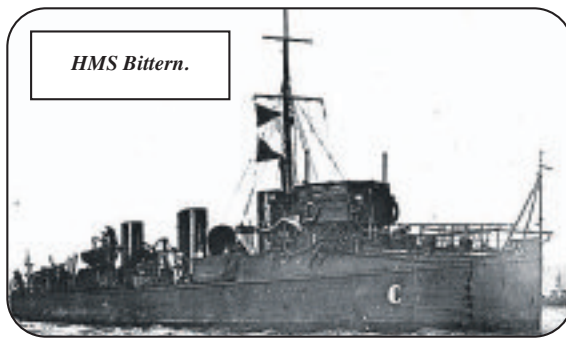
Easily recognisable in his red tri-plane, he was the deadliest flying ace of the war. Attributed with 80 confirmed kills, he was shot down on April 21, 1918, by what is now believed to be, the brother of a Porthcawl soldier.

Captain Arthur Roy Brown, flying a Sopwith Camel, was initially credited with the kill; being awarded a bar to his DSC for the feat. It is interesting to note that Captain Brown did not himself claim the victory and was actually saddened at the death of such an accomplished and skillful fellow pilot.

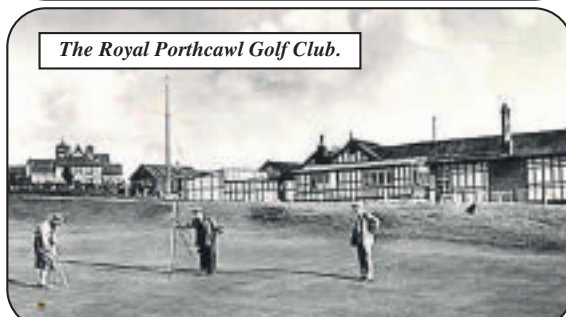
However, more recent historical research and evidence attributes the fatal bullet as having been discharged from the Australian Lewis Gunners sited below in Vaux sur Somme. Of the three possible gunners of the 4th Australian Division Buie, Evans and Popkin, it is now widely believed that Sergeant Cedric Bassett Popkin fired the fatal shot, due to the trajectory of the bullet entering the Red Baron's body in relation to Popkin's position on the ground.

Sergeant Popkin's statement read, "As (von Richthofen) came towards me, I opened fire a second time and observed at once my fire took effect. The machine swerved, attempted to bank and make for the ground, and immediately crashed."

Cedric Bassett Popkin was the eldest son of Dan William Bassett Popkin and Lilian Gilbert Popkin of Sydney, New South Wales. His father Dan, or William as he was known in Wales, was born in 1863 in Maesteg. He emigrated to Australia and married Lilian in 1884 in Queensland. It was after the birth of their first daughter, Gladys, that they moved to Sydney, whereupon, Sophie, Marjory and eventually



HMS Bittern.



The Royal Porthcawl Golf Club.

Cedric was born on 20th June 1890.

The couple later had two more children, Dorothy born 1892, and finally Roland Gilbert Popkin in 1894.

On the death of Lilian in 1902, Dorothy and Roland were sent to live with their father's sister Matilda, and her husband Lewis George Jones in Aberkenfig.

Lewis's accountancy business was obviously financially successful as, according to the 1911 Census, Roland was a scholar at Cowbridge Grammar School, and Dorothy at Howells Girls School, Cardiff. On leaving school Roland studied law at a university in London, from where on 26th October 1916 he was conscripted to the London Regiment (Artist's Rifles) 28th Battalion Service No 762984.

On the death of her husband, on 17th April 1916, Matilda Jones moved to 'The Channings', 33, Mary Street, Porthcawl, which was the address Roland had given on his attestation papers.

After training, Roland's unit disembarked in Le Havre on 17th February 1917. Roland Gilbert Popkin was killed in action, in France, on 27th September 1918 and is remembered on the Porthcawl War Memorial.

His brother, Cedric, survived the war, despite losing a leg, and died in 1968 in New South Wales, Australia, aged 78 years old.

Earlier in the month, the Porthcawl News reported the death of Able Seaman James Thomas Cloke. In thick fog, on 4th April off Portland Bill, Jim's ship, the destroyer HMS 'Bittern,' was sunk

following a collision with the SS 'Kenilworth.'

A Court of Inquiry found negligence on the part of the master of SS 'Kenilworth', who had disregarded the orders, to keep to the coastline. Instead he had headed straight across the water, with no fog lights showing, and had hit the Bittern at 3.15am. HMS Bittern sank quickly with the loss of all hands.

Jim, as he was known, was born on 17th July 1896, in Porthcawl. He was one of four children, and only son, born to Fred and Julia Cloke, 15 Railway Terrace, (Hillsborough Place) On 15th May 1911 he followed his father, who was a shunter, into the employ of the Great Western Railway as an assistant porter at the Railway Station, top of Station Hill, Porthcawl.

However, by 24th February 1912 Jim realised that the railway life was not for him; and left. He then took up employment as a golf caddy until he joined the Royal Navy on 22nd November 1915 aged 19. From 16th February he served on HMS 'Bittern' for 13 months, patrolling the waters off Egypt.

In November 1917, Jim had been home on leave, during which time he was one of the first Porthcawl service men to be presented with a gift from the Local Heroes Fund. Able Seaman James T Cloke's body was never recovered and, as a consequence, is remembered on the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Later that April, more sad news reached the town. Private Ernest John Williams, 10th Battalion, Welsh Regiment had been

killed, on 19th April, in Northern France. His commanding officer, Major JW Taylor, wrote 'your son was killed yesterday under distressing circumstances. He was one of a party of four who went to place a cross over the grave of a comrade who had been killed a few days ago, when a shell struck him, killing all four instantaneously.' Jack, as he was known, had only recently been attached to the 38th Machine Corps and was learning new skills as a machine gunner.

Born in Mumbles in July 1894, Jack was the second child, yet eldest of three sons, born to Ernest and Mary Williams. Ernest Senior, a gardener, moved the family to Nottage in 1898, from where he gained a position as a grounds man at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club.

Through this association with the club his son, Jack, was able to become a member; an opportunity which he obviously capitalised on, as by the age of 14 years he had become an assistant professional golfer under Mr JG Hutcheson, and had won the Welsh Assistants Golf Championship just before the war. Perhaps Jim Cloke may have caddied for him at some point in his golfing career?

At the time of Jack's death, the family had moved to 12, Philadelphia Road, Porthcawl, which they named 'Senlis Cottage' after hearing that their son, Private Ernest John Williams, had been laid to rest in Senlis Communal Cemetery in France.

Finally, Private Bertie John of Brisbane House, New Road, serving in



Left - The Red Baron.

Above - Sergeant Cedric Bassett Popkin



Porthcawl Railway Station.



Mary Street.

India, wrote home to inform his family that he had represented his regiment, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers against the South Wales Borderers in rugby; winning 12-10.

He was however, more pleased that he had played alongside one of his heroes, the Welsh International Dr Ted Morgan, who was, also, in India, serving with the regiment. Doctor Edward 'Teddy' Morgan had not only been a member of the winning Wales team that beat the touring All Blacks in 1905, but had scored the winning try.

In his letter Bertie goes on to ask after the quality of rugby being played on the Mercies Field, Porthcawl. Little did he know that, two weeks previously, the Porthcawl News had reported that 'for the last two years the Mercies Field had produced a wonderful crop of potatoes.'

Ceri Joseph Past articles have been compiled into 'Porthcawl and The Great War' Parts 1 & 2. On sale at Porthcawl Museum £10 each. All proceeds to the museum.



Jack Williams was a promising golfer who was killed by a shell when he and three friends were putting a cross on a colleague's grave.

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Maendy YFC and The Queen's Riddle

THE Wales Young Farmers' Entertainment weekend was held last month in The Princess Royal Theatre in Port Talbot.

Maendy YFC – representing Glamorgan – performed its pantomime *The Queen's Riddle* against six other counties in Wales.

The winning team represents Wales YFC at the Annual AGM in Blackpool in May. This is a huge accolade for any YFC when the competition and talent is incredibly high.

Maendy YFC performed brilliantly on the stage, and there were lots of supporters and families of members in the audience who had travelled to watch them perform.

The judge acknowledged a few of the members in the cast in the awards ceremony.

Heather Jarvis who played the lead character, Jack, and Sophie Davies, who played the Lady of the Lake, were both nominated Best Actress.

Also, new member Nick Rees who played the dame, Gerty, was nominated for Best Male.

Chairman Kate Thomas said: "I am incredibly proud of how well members performed



on the night and the run up to this competition.

"Thank you to all the backstage cast with scenery, make-up, music and lights. We are very fortunate to have Richard Harris and Richard Weston who direct and produce our fantastic scripts."

The results were announced at the end of the evening, and Maendy YFC was placed second.

To celebrate the club's achievements, cast members and crew

enjoyed a curry night at the Indiaah Indian restaurant in Pontyclun. An enjoyable night was had by all.

Wales YFC Public Speaking Day was held on March 24 at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanwelld.

A handful of Maendy members competed in the senior debating competition, and in junior reading, but the highlight of the day was the disco dancing competition.

Maendy YFC disco team came third in a very competitive competition.

A big 'thank you' to Heather who choreographed the songs and dancing. The performance is on the Maendy YFC Facebook page.

The next event in the calendar is the Glamorgan Field Day held this Saturday (April 7) at Penllyn Estate Farm, Penllyn.

Maendy members will be taking part in floral,

craft, and ATV competitions.

If you would like to know more about Maendy YFC please email us

Maendy.yfc@gmail.com, follow us on Twitter and Instagram @MaendyYFC, and the Maendy YFC Facebook group.

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COR BRO OGWR'S SPRING CONCERT

COR Bro Ogwr's spring concert features two classical works which are often sung together, Haydn's *Nelson Mass* and Mozart's *Vesperae Solennes*.

The former, written towards the end of Haydn's life, was originally called *Missa in Angustiis*, meaning a Mass for troubled times. In 1797, Napoleon had crossed the Alps and was threatening Vienna.

However, on the day of its first performance, Napoleon was defeated by Lord Nelson and the work became associated with this. It highlights soloists and chorus, particularly the soprano part, which will be sung by Erin Alexander, who accompanied us on our

recent trip to Germany and also sang in our Christmas concert.

Don't be fooled by the title of the Mozart; it is mainly an exuberant piece with a well known movement *Laudate Dominum* in the middle providing a quiet contrast. It's certainly a powerful sing for the choir. Top notes will be hit!

The Cor Bro Ogwr Orchestra will accompany choir and soloists, with Glenn Crooks on the organ.

This year, the choir celebrates 20 years as a choir and will be planning some special events later on.

The spring concert is on Saturday, April 14, at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl, 7pm. Tickets £10 at the door or telephone 01656 653326.

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'MP's ignorance is concerning'

IBEGAN reading Mrs Moon's latest column in *The GEM* and made it no further than the second paragraph.

Mrs Moon relegates Salisbury, arguably one of the great cathedral cities in the United Kingdom, to "a small town in England".

Thank goodness that Mrs Moon MP has no influence in, say, matters military or otherwise concerned with the defence of the realm.

Had she, then she might have realised that Salisbury is within one of the largest British Army training areas in the UK and is effectively

surrounded by military bases, as well as the Ministry of Defence's Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Porton Down) and the nearby Defence CBRN Centre.

Except that Mrs Moon has, of course, sat on the Defence Select Committee for a decade or so.

Therefore, as well as displaying a degree of insulting ignorance ("Llandaff, a small town in Wales" is the reciprocal) about Salisbury, she also, again, displays her lack of understanding of HM Armed Forces, which she claims to scrutinise. **A Forbes, Fommon.**

AM presents cheque to local foodbank

NANTYMOEL Foodbank as part of the Bridgend Foodbank Group and in partnership with the Trussell Trust opened its doors in April 2015.

A spokesperson said: "It has been a life-line and safety net for people who have found themselves in need of help for various reasons, ranging from benefit delays to receiving unexpected bills whilst being on a low income."

Ogmore Assembly Member and Welsh Government Minister Huw Irranca-Davies visited Horeb Chapel, home to Nantymoel Foodbank to present a cheque. In his role as a politician the AM

occasionally completes surveys that offer a cheque donation to a charity of his choice.

Speaking after the visit Mr Irranca-Davies said: "As more and more people turn to foodbanks we rely on the generosity of others to donate. The kindness of people and the hard work of the volunteers who help these foodbanks to exist is truly inspiring and I was delighted to present them with the cheque donation."

"Foodbanks are now a relied upon and trusted support network that also provide a range of services like money advice, fuel banks and helping people to break the cycle of poverty."

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GLAM NIGHT OUT FOR WICK YFC MEMBERS



Spirits were high at the Wick YFC dinner-dance, and the roistering went on until the wee small hours...

MEMBERS of Wick YFC celebrated, in full regalia, its 82nd dinner dance recently at the Hi Tide in Porthcawl.

It was wonderful to reunite with some past members. After a sumptuous three course dinner the awards ceremony commenced, celebrating members' hard work and efforts throughout the year with a super tribute being paid to our assiduous club leader, Charlotte Thomas.

A new Junior President's Cup was added to our collection this year, kindly donated by our club president, John Lougher of Ty Tanglwyst Dairy.

Rhianna Jones (10) was the first recipient in acknowledgement of her superb artistic skills

during the competition. Tanya Bhanaut received the Senior President's Cup for her creativity as well as the Individual Drama Award for her thoroughly captivating performance throughout this year's pantomime.

The Junior Stock Judging Cup was awarded to Hollie Jones (13) who was a clear winner having given an exceptional performance at this year's County Stock Judging Day.

Lucy Roberts (14) received both the Attendance Award as well as the Team Drama Award with her sister Bel and Eloise Guilarme for their incredible vocal performance at panto.

Alisha Major (15) secured the Girls' Cup for her overall achievements this year representing County three times at the Wales finals in the Royal Welsh



President John Lougher presenting Alex Edwards with Senior Stock Judging Cup, as Chairman James Morgan looks on.

Agricultural Show, The Eisteddfod and The Royal Welsh Winter Fair. Miss Major also designed and maintains the club's new website as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We feel very blessed with our juniors' performances this year and eagerly look forward to watching their progress over the coming years.

Our vice-chairman, Alex Edwards won the Senior Stock Judging Cup having come a very close runner up at County level in Dairy after a tightly fought battle in a high class field. Last but by no means least, Alex's brother Tom Edwards received both the prestigious Chairman's Cup and Boys' Cup.

Sadly it's Tom's last

year as a competing member, having been an incredible asset to the club over the last 14 years. Tom has excelled in numerous competitions throughout his time with us particularly in drama, carpentry and public speaking.

He's captivated audiences on numerous occasions with his charismatic performances, particularly playing the Dame; but also last year as Killdare in the club's production of *Tick Tock* where he won Best Actor for the third time. Tom's spectacular design and construction of the infamous plane and pirate ship for entertainments will remain in everyone's memory for many years to come. We very much hope Tom will remain a

part of Wick YFC offering a deluge of experience and expertise.

As the award ceremony drew to a close, the party atmosphere continued with the Senior members leading the celebrations into the early hours as the sun rose on the horizon.

Wick YFC's door is always open to new members from any background between the ages of 10-26 years old. We offer a vibrant and varied programme of events.

You don't have to be a farmer to be in Young Farmers. For more information on becoming part of our close-knit family, see our website on www.wickyfc.com.

Alisha Major, Wick YFC PR and Promotions Officer

JAILED

Sixteen year-term for Llanharry paedophile

A PREDATORY Llanharry man has been jailed for 16 years after he admitted sexually abusing three young girls over a period of almost 20 years.

David Wayne Roberts (59) pleaded guilty to 12 charges including rape, indecent assault, sexual assault, indecency with a child, causing a child to engage in sexual activity, and making indecent images of children, when he appeared at Cardiff Crown Court on March 8.

The court heard the 59-year-old's campaign of abuse first came to light last year when two young friends – who cannot be identified for legal reasons – confided in a school councillor.

An investigation was launched after the police and the victims' families were notified by the school, and it quickly transpired that Roberts' offending went back even further with the one victim having been abused on multiple occasions and at various locations.

Further investigation also uncovered another victim, who was also abused as a young child back in the late 1990s.

As he was sentenced on March 29, Roberts was told by the judge: "It is easy to see that you are dangerous."

The judge added that Roberts had committed serious sexual offences whenever the opportunity had presented itself. Referring to the victim impact statements, in which one victim described the significant psychological effect the abuse had had upon her – including causing her to self-harm and suffer from depression and PTSD – the judge said he was compelled to pass the



David Wayne Roberts.

maximum tariff.

Detective Constable Myfanwy Beaumont, officer in the case, said: "David Roberts' actions across a number of years were depraved, calculated and appalling and they have had a significant and lasting impact on the three young victims."

"Despite their harrowing experiences, all three have shown tremendous courage in speaking out about the abuse they suffered at his hands; bravery which continued throughout the investigation and court process."

"I sincerely hope that today's sentencing provides them all with some comfort and closure as they try and rebuild their lives."

"I also hope that it sends a message to anyone else who has suffered, or is currently suffering abuse, that they can come forward and they will be believed."

"I cannot imagine how difficult it must be to come forward to report such appalling crimes, but I want to reassure anyone considering doing so that there is a whole range of support out there, not only from the police but from partner agencies who can help you through the entire process."

Sexual abuse can be reported via 101, or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Alternatively, help, advice and support can be sought from Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC). Visit thesurvivorstrust.org/sar c/ or contact 02920 335795.

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Let Rotary Club check your blood pressure

SATURDAY, April 14 is the Stroke Association's 'Know Your Blood Pressure Day' and the Rotary Club of Porthcawl is offering free blood pressure checks from 10am to 4pm at Trinity Church, Porthcawl.

A spokesperson said: "High blood pressure is the biggest risk factor for stroke, contributing to over 50 per cent of all strokes. These strokes could be prevented if high blood pressure was

controlled. "As high blood pressure often shows no symptoms, many people are unaware that they have it, and routine blood pressure screening in the community is very valuable in detecting it. "Tests will be administered by health professionals who are trained to identify potential problems and advise on appropriate action."

"Strokes can happen to anyone, at any age and at any time, so please call in, take the test, and know your blood pressure." **RS**

MP's ire over rail report

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New Hitachi-built bi-mode engines – powered by and capable of switching between diesel and electricity – were introduced last year on Great Western Railway services between the capital and Swansea.

According to the report, the cancellation of the project was made "on gaining approval from the Prime Minister" after it was decided that it was "no longer affordable".

The Labour MP said that the report contradicts previous claims by UK Government Ministers that the cancellation was not due to costs. Following the publication of the report on March 29, Mr Elmore said: "Prime Minister May's personal role in the decision to cancel the electrification project is disgraceful. This reeks of disdain for the people of south Wales."

"The Government have previously claimed that this cancellation was not due to the cost of the project, but it's clear now that the Prime Minister decided she could not afford to deliver improvements in Wales, whilst simultaneously pushing forward with multi-billion pound projects in London."

However, a DfT spokesperson refuted this allegation, saying: "We are investing in the biggest modernisation of our railways since the Victorian

era, spending billions of pounds across the country to deliver faster, more frequent, and more comfortable services with more seats."

"As this report makes clear, we are focused on delivering better trains and services to passengers more quickly, at better value for money for the taxpayer, without the significant disruption to services that electrification can cause."

The DfT spokesperson added: "Electrification of the Cardiff-Swansea route would have meant passengers waiting several years longer for the full fleet of new trains, as well as having major disruption to their journeys."

"When we made this announcement, bi-modes capable of running at more than 120mph in diesel mode were being tested on the GWR main line, and they are now in passenger use."

Rail enthusiast Mike Wilcock, a regular contributor to The GEM, wrote on this subject last August, saying: "[There are]... excessive costs of lifting bridges which cross the lines to make room for the catenary (overhead wires) that feed electric power to the train, as well as the cost of rebuilding all the road and footbridges."

"Some would need to be closed for months to accommodate the rebuilding programme."

"We have the new trains now; we don't need electrification."

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Bowls club's charity cheque



HELEN NIXON, the captain of Llantwit Major Ladies Bowls, is shown presenting a cheque for £350 to Cancer Research Wales (Breast Cancer), the chosen charity for the club this year.

The donation was raised at a charity lunch held at St Athan Golf Club, together with the sale of Cancer Research merchandise.

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Bridgend Sports under-12s impress against illustrious opposition... while under-8s and under-9s faced off against local rivals

BRIDGEND Sports under-12s were privileged to host Felinfoel RFC under-12s last Sunday.

Felinfoel is a club that is steeped in history, running as far back as 1873-74 season. Over the years the club has produced some 16 internationals which includes British Lions captain and Welsh legend Phil Bennett and another Welsh rugby legend WH Clement, also a British Lion and Welsh Rugby Union secretary from 1955 to 1981.

The weather may have been kind and both sides wanted to play an open game. However, a heavy pitch took its toll, particularly up front where the forwards struggled to make the large number of rucks as both sides looked to run with the ball at every opportunity.

Even though the Sports were to dominate the scoreboard, Felinfoel made a great contribution to the game as they mounted attacks from deep.

Unfortunately, they could not penetrate the home defence where Callum Lewis, Cian John, Harri Williams, Will Ellis and Ben Evans were always prominent in halting the away side's attacks in the first half.

The defence and the more reliable set piece possession provided the opportunity for the home team to keep themselves in the game and their efforts were rewarded with three first half tries.

The first was scored after a sustained period of attack from the Sports, with forwards Theo Clarke, Harri Williams and Mason Balmer all involved.

Wing Tom Chick made good ground after Iestyn John went on a dummy run to check the Felinfoel defence. Play was then switched back across field, centre Ben Evans put opposite wing Jodie Keane in space.

She made good ground before being tackled, then from the ruck outside half Cian John spotted space down the narrow side and sprinted past the defender to score near the corner. Ieuan Pilliner added the conversion.

Felinfoel were smarter and more industrious at the breakdown and kept themselves in the game as they ran the ball from deep. One attack was brought to a halt and the Sports countered but lost the ball in contact near the Felinfoel line.



Action from the under-12s' encounter with Felinfoel.

A long clearance kick was fielded by Sports' Ben Evans who stepped, then counter-attacked before putting wing Tom Chick away. He used his speed to sprint in for the second try. It is an old cliché but there is no substitute for pace and Tom Chick scored his third when he was given the ball in space deep in his own half.

He backed himself to sprint from 70 metres out to score. The conversion followed for the home side to lead 19-0 at half-time.

The Sports' forwards responded positively in the second half and began to contest the ball, Megan Lewis robbed her opponent of the ball in a tackle then charged upfield with forwards Tyler Burton, Mackenzie Dent and Mason Balmer on hand to continue the attack in the centre of the field.

They then set backs Jack Spurduty, Ben Evans and Cian John loose. Smart play between the two centres created a lovely try for Ben Evans out wide. Not to be outdone by his fellow centre, Cian John scored next.

Harri Williams added a third try of the half for the Sports after another Megan Lewis break; she off-loaded to Harri Williams for the flanker to step one way then the other before he successfully grounded the ball.

The home side dominated the game at this stage, taking the ball upfield straight from the kick off. Forward Mackenzie Dent saw an opportunity for a



run through the middle to score under the posts, and Ieuan Pilliner added his third conversion of the afternoon.

Felinfoel brought a great attitude to the game and to their credit did not give up their attacking ambitions throughout the 50 minutes and to everybody's delight they scored the final try of the game after the Sports failed to deal with a loose ball on their own line. Felinfoel pounced for the score and converted it to make the final score 41-7.

Squad: Ben Evans; Callum Lewis; Callum Moore; Cian John; Dylan Harrison; Harri Williams; Iestyn John; Ieuan Pilliner; Jack Spurduty; Jodie Keane; Mackenzie Dent; Mason Balmer; Megan Lewis; Theo Clarke; Tom Brinson; Thomas Chick; Tyler Burton and Will Ellis.

It was a restricted fixture list for the Bridgend Sports mini rugby teams as the lure of Easter resulted in a break for many clubs.

It was a well-earned rest for most of the players, as the previous week all teams enjoyed this year's tour to West Wales.

The under-8s and under-9s did not want to be distracted and enjoyed their Sunday run out as both teams travelled the short distance to Pencoed.

The under-8s played with great spirit and passion in their game, with tries from Zack Hughes, Dan Flower, Max Hearing, Dan Perriman, Sam Heycock, Rhys Evans and Kayden Jones.

Star player of the week was well-deserved and went to the only girl in the squad, Evelyn Murray. Despite a great effort Pencoed emerged victorious.

The under-9s game proved to be a mini-thriller as both teams were not afraid to spread the ball with the Sports taking the early initiative with a couple of quick tries.

The remainder of the first half see-sawed with tries being run in by both teams despite some good tackling. Sports took the half-time spoils with a lead of 35-20.

The second half saw Pencoed come back into the game and the game was evenly balanced at 40-40 with only seconds remaining.

The Sports pressed the Pencoed line and managed a winning try with the last play of the game to take the spoils 45-40.

It was a much-improved team performance with good passing, handling, offloading and tackling from team members, with a particularly good try saving tackle from Will Howe.

Sports try scorers were Jayden Walters (two), Hari Coulthard (two), Gethin Evans, Gruff Lewis, Leo Giraud, Billy Carpenter-Davies and Noah Roberts.

Players Sion Coulthard, Oskar Amerein, Will Howe and Nathan Fisher were prominent but Jayden Walters was team player of the day for good tackling, passing and offloading.

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YouGov poll finds 'local news reliable'

LOCAL press in print and digital is the most trusted source for local news and information, way ahead of search engines and social media, according to new YouGov research published for the first time.

Commissioned by Local Media Works, the research found that local newspapers in print and digital are trusted three times more for local news and information than social media platforms such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

Local newspapers, which are read by 42 million British adults in print and digital, scored highest for trust with 74 per cent of respondents agreeing that they trusted the news and information in their local newspaper.

Local papers are the most trusted of all the other sources, coming ahead of local commercial TV and local commercial radio (both 73 per cent), search engines (43 per cent), social media (22 per cent) and other websites (39 per cent).

Craig Nayman, Local Media Works chairman, said: "This survey provides yet more compelling

evidence of a resurgence of trust in traditional media outlets, with local media leading the way, as the public become increasingly aware of the dangers associated with social platforms and fake news.

"In the current climate, trust is at a premium and advertisers large and small must recognise the clear advantages of partnering with local media in order to communicate with their audiences in a safe, trusted, and highly effective environment."

Justin Marshall, associate director, YouGov – Digital, Media and Technology Sector, said: "As shown in the data from this research, trust in social media as a source of news is particularly low, followed by general internet searches, whereas trust in established news brands is far greater."

The YouGov findings echo those of the recent Edelman Trust Barometer 2018 which found that trust in traditional media in the UK is at its highest level in six years (up 13 points to 61 per cent), while trust in social platforms has dropped to 24 per cent and trust in search engines has dropped to 47 per cent.

New opportunities and prospects for the Vale as we welcome spring

IT is always good to welcome Welsh Government Ministers to the Vale with news of investment in housing and education.

Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Housing and Regeneration, visited Barry in March to meet residents who have moved into new affordable housing – the first to be completed under the £42 million Welsh Government Land for Housing Loan Scheme.

Welsh Government funding of £2.9 million helped finance the new development in Newbourne Place supporting Newydd Housing Association who bought the site and built the homes with a Welsh Social Housing Grant.

This resulted in 30 new flats, including three wheelchair adapted homes. These homes will make such a difference to the lives of the new residents in this welcome development. I know from my surgeries how much we need adapted housing of this kind in the Vale.

Welcoming Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Llantwit Major Comprehensive School

was also a delight on March 22, as he cut the ribbon to officially open the fantastic new block where we met enthusiastic pupils, who are relishing the new facilities for the school.

We have been working to achieve this for a long time, but finally this multi million pound Welsh Government and Vale Council investment in the education of children in Llantwit has been completed, alongside the new schools of Ysgol Dewi Sant and Ysgol y Ddraig – a real Llantwit Learning Community.

One pupil said to me: "It really makes you want to learn in a new school like this."

Visits by Julie James AM to Cadoxton School and Community Hall and Ken Skates AM to Five Mile Lane were also important milestones last month and I am always proud to showcase the Vale at every opportunity.

I was also pleased to acknowledge Welsh Government financial support for the new Cardiff and Vale Credit Union office on Holton Road at their AGM in Cadoxton Community Centre, hearing the good news of increased membership and support for the community providing ethical and affordable

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by VALE AM JANE HUTT

loans for savers.

Backed by patron Michael Sheen, the Credit Union is making a difference in Wales and we are now encouraging employers to engage with the Credit Union Payroll Deduction Scheme which supports employees and employers in saving and ethical lending.

As well as these good news visits and announcements, I have also been raising questions and concerns with Hannah Blythyn, the Environment Minister, about the adverse impact of the Barry Biomass incinerator, and liaising with the office of the Future Generations Commissioner about the plant which is blighting our beautiful town.

I have pressed for an

Environmental Impact Assessment to be carried out on the latest planning application to be made by Biomass and have welcomed the announcement by Sophie Howe, the Future Generations Commissioner, of her Review of Environmental Permitting by NRW (Natural Resources Wales).

I am submitting my extensive evidence of the work undertaken by DIAG (Docks Incinerator Action Group) and myself to the Commissioner, as I have done to all the authorities who have a role and responsibility with regard to the incinerator which has already caused great concern in its pre-commissioning phase.

I pay tribute once again to the people of Barry and the ever growing DIAG for their resilience and persistence in raising these issues and stepping up the campaign based on evidence of the adverse impact of this plant in the heart of our community.

Finally, the announcement by Hannah Blythyn of £3,132,650 flood defence funding to finance works at Llanmaes and tidal works to the Cadoxton River is welcome news for the Vale of Glamorgan as part of a £56m flood and coastal defence programme for Wales and it is great to see the vital works at Boverton coming to a conclusion to safeguard the homes and businesses so adversely affected by flooding in the past.

Good news and challenges ahead for the spring of 2018.

Play it again, Alf!



Alf Jackson at Foxy's Deli

A HOSPITAL visit had an unexpected outcome when Llantwit Major World War Two veteran Alf Jackson (97) paid a visit to Foxy's Deli in Penarth for lunch, after a check-up at Llandough Hospital.

The eagle-eyed former Desert Rat spotted a piano half hidden behind a notice board and couldn't resist the temptation to give it a quick tinkle.

Foxy's Deli owner Sian Fox was delighted to hear the café piano being played.

"I couldn't resist asking him if he'd like to come and play for longer," she said.

Having learned to play piano as a youngster, Alf entertained his fellow comrades-in-arms on the accordion while serving in North Africa under Field Marshal Montgomery.

Later in Italy, he and another soldier had picked up two first-class Italian accordions in Castelfidardo, the home of Italian accordion-making, and it was this Settimo Soprani accordion that started him as a semi-professional entertainer once he returned home in 1946.

From playing accordion in a dance band, Alf progressed to owning one of the first electric organs in the 1950s and with a drummer, played for weddings and at work clubs every weekend for 15 or so years.

Now very close to reaching his century, Alf is still both mentally and physically agile and plays his Baldwin theatre organ or his electronic keyboard for almost an hour every day.

"It seems to be keeping my brain alive!" he said.

In 2010, as a birthday surprise, Alf was whisked up to Blackpool, where he was allowed to play the mighty Wurlitzer in the famous Tower Ballroom.

Since that first meeting, Alf has been back twice to the café, at Royal Buildings, Victoria Road, opposite Penarth Station, and played a one-hour afternoon set of musical standards from the '30s, '40s and '50s to the delight of the afternoon customers. "He'll be back as soon as diary dates can be arranged.

Even the younger members of staff were thrilled to hear the ivories tinkling.

"It's brilliant! I've put him on my Instagram and it's already been viewed 30 times," said one staff member.

Bunnies and bonnets, but no sonnets, at Oak Field



THERE were no cats in sight as Oak Field Primary School paraded in a Bunny Walk to display their Easter bonnets.

The judges deliberated and awarded prizes to the most inventive bonnets in each year group.

Nicola Danielson



CERDDORFA ORCHESTRA

ONCE again, Cerddorfa Dinas Powys Orchestra is very pleased to be performing its spring concert as part of the Dinas Powys Music Festival.

The concert will take place on Sunday, April 22 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4AF.

The programme includes: Beethoven: *Overture to The Creatures of Prometheus*; The first of 16 numbers for Beethoven's only full length ballet.

Tchaikovsky: *Variations on a Rococo Theme*; consisting of a theme with eight variations, for cello and orchestra with cello soloist Ben Tarlton.

Ben has played a number of times with the orchestra and is in his last undergraduate year at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. The

orchestra has followed his progress over the years to the fine musician he is today and are delighted to be performing with him again.

Saint-Saens *Symphony No. 2 in A minor*; a large scale composition in four movements with many innovative ideas of form and structure: a stormy allegro; a delicate adagio; a stormy scherzo and finally a lively dance – full of light hearted drive and energy throughout.

Tickets are £8.50 (£3 under-12s) and are available from The Dinas Powys Music Festival online sales at dpmusfest.co.uk; from the Dinas Powys Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys, and also from Griffin Books, 9a Windsor Road Penarth. They may also be available on the door on the night. Alternatively, telephone 029 2070 6288 or visit the orchestra's website www.cdpo.org.uk.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A MEETING for all current and new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators in the Llantwit Major area takes place on Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm in the town hall in Llantwit Major.

Anyone interested in setting up a new 'Watch' is welcome to attend the meeting where start-up packs, booklets, stickers and signs will be available, free of charge.

Bowel cancer awareness at library

TO mark Bowel Cancer Awareness month in April, Cancer Research Wales, will be at the main County and Barry Library, at Kings Square, on Saturday, April 7.

Come and meet the team and take a walk through a large inflatable bowel and discover how this fascinating

organ, known as the second brain, really works.

Talks on the 'Challenges and Opportunities of Bowel Cancer in Wales' will also be given by Dr Lee Campbell at 11am and 2pm.

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For further information about this event, please contact Cancer Research Wales – telephone 029 2031 6283.

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Mike (second left) at the competition in Switzerland.



Vale gundog judge is on his travels

MIKE LARKIN of Larki Gundogs in the Vale has completed two judging trips to Europe in the space of a few days.

Mike, from Ogmore by Sea, who has trained a number of dog champions, said: "I went to the Czech Republic from March 16 until March 20, returned home, and then went to Switzerland from March 23 to March 26."

British judges are much in demand on the Continent because of their high judging standards and knowledge.

Mike said: "In the Czech Republic

the week before I arrived they had been out in shirtsleeves but the competition went ahead in blizzards and snow.

"People had travelled all the way from Germany. In fact Germans came first, second and third.

"It was a proper competition; the standard was excellent. A few days later, I was on the Swiss-Austrian border. The mountain scenery was beautiful. I judged over two days and again the standard was high."

People in Europe are so keen to take part in competitions, they are happy to travel for a couple of days to get to a venue.

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Shortlist announced for national award recognising new writers

VALE author Sue McDonagh is among the contenders for The Romantic Novelists' Association's (RNA) Joan Hessayon Award for new writers, for Summer at the Art Café, published by Choc Lit.

The shortlist is made up of authors whose debut novels have been accepted for publication after passing through the RNA's New Writers' Scheme.

Each year, 250 places

are offered to unpublished writers writing in the romantic fiction genre.

Sue McDonagh's novel asks the reader: 'If you won a gorgeous purple motorbike, and your domineering husband said you were too fat for leathers and should sell it, would you do as you were told - or learn to ride it in secret?'

Commenting on the contenders for 2018, Nicola Cornick, current RNA chairman, said: "The RNA is particularly proud of its New

Writers' Scheme, which is unique to the association and helps new writers on that difficult path to publication.

In recent years, there has been an excellent success rate and this year is no exception, with 17 debut novelists graduating from the scheme."

Imogen Howson, who runs the scheme, said: "It is wonderful to see debut authors graduating and we are ever grateful to Dr David Hessayon who continues to support the awards in honour of his late wife, Joan."

The award will be presented on May 17 at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

'Ed Evans Walk' is now on May 7

THE Ed Evans Foundation has apologised for the postponement of its annual walk on Easter Monday due to poor weather conditions.

Sue Evans, Ed's mum, explained: "It was a difficult decision to make but we had to put the health and safety of our supporters first.

"As well as poor weather which was forecast, the ground underfoot was very wet because of the continuous bad weather.

"The walk has been rearranged for Bank Holiday Monday, May 7. Hopefully we will see supporters old and new."

All information will be on website www.edevansfoundation.co.uk.

NRW says that 'Hinkley mud is not contaminated'

NATURAL Resources Wales (NRW) has revealed that sample results of dredged material from the Bristol Channel, which are set for disposal in Welsh waters, demonstrate it is safe.

In November 2016, the Vale Council contacted the Welsh Government to express its concern about the material being deposited in the sea at 'Cardiff Grounds' not far off Penarth.

NRW said it had completed its assessment of the sample results of the dredged material.

Analysis by independent experts found the chemical and radiological results were within acceptable, safe limits.

The source of the sediment is the construction site of the Hinkley Point C power station off the Somerset coast and it will be put into a disposal site off the south Wales coast.

The analysis of the sediment was carried out by the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas).

The results were assessed by NRW's radiological experts in consultation with Public Health Wales.

John Wheadon of NRW said: "Our seas are home to valuable wildlife and habitats and are important to our well-being and economy.

"It's our job to make sure activities do not harm these vital marine environments.

"The sediment from

the dredge sites has been tested thoroughly by independent experts.

"We are satisfied there is no risk to people or the environment and the material is safe for disposal."

The work will be carried out by NNB GenCo, which was given a marine licence by NRW for the disposal of dredged material in 2014.

A condition in the licence required NNB GenCo to test samples of the sea bed sediment at the proposed dredging sites for harmful chemicals and radiological materials before any disposal could take place.

NRW also asked Cefas to carry out a radiation dose analysis from deeper sediment samples taken in 2009, as well the recent samples, and the results show the material is not harmful.

But Cllr Vincent Bailey, who chairs the environment and regeneration scrutiny committee on the Vale Council, said he was not reassured.

"We considered this in committee a few months ago and I remain as concerned today as I was then despite this statement from NRW."

"It is very disappointing that no effort has been made to dump this potentially radioactive mud away from the Vale coast and like many people I'm starting to lose faith in Natural Resources Wales itself."

Further information on the marine licence and the sample results can be viewed on NRW's website at: www.naturalresources.wales/CardiffGroundsSedi

The Castle at War in Medieval England and Wales REVIEW

THIS book by Dan Spencer explores, as the title may suggest, the role of the castle in warfare in England and Wales, focusing on the period from the Norman Conquest to the reign of Henry VIII.

Previous authors have tended to concentrate on the architecture of castles and on establishing a narrative of how castles changed throughout the Middle Ages, which can be characterised as their 'rise and fall'.

Instead, this book adopts a new approach by discussing castles in relation to the military history of medieval

England and Wales, with chapters covering specific conflicts such as the Normans, the 12th century civil war, known as the Anarchy, War with Scotland, The Owain Glyndwr Rebellion and the Wars of the Roses.

It therefore combines two popular topics, medieval military history and castles, in one book. In this highly readable and ground-breaking book, the story of the castle is interrelated into changes in warfare throughout this period providing us with a new understanding of their role.

This hardback book, of 336 pages with 20 illustrations by Dan Spencer, is published by Amberley Publishing and costs £20.

BRIAN LEE

THE HANG FIRE BARBECUE EXPERTS ARE TAKING THEIR SHOW ON THE ROAD

IN their new BBC Wales series, Sam and Shauna's Big Cook-Out, Wales' best known barbecue chefs hit the road to celebrate the achievements of 'community champions' across Wales.

Using food to bring together the whole community, each cook-out sees Sam and Shauna of the Hang Fire Smokehouse, Barry, host parties to reward the work of a variety of organisations and individuals.

They start by showing how to prepare the feasts on a small scale before upscaling to feed hundreds at large cook-outs.

The next step in their culinary adventure, the broadcast of the Big Cook-Out series comes after a successful few years for both Sam and Shauna.

Quitting their jobs, the duo embarked on a mission across the US to uncover the secrets of Southern style cooking using the 'spirit of smoke and fire'. Now with the Hang Fire barbecue restaurant in Barry, they're using their own spin on backyard barbecue to bring communities together.

The four part series will also see the pair share a selection of the recipes that have made them such a hit and in 2015 saw their Hang Fire business crowned 'Best Street Food' at the BBC Food and Farming Awards.

From picanha steak with chimichurri to spatchcock chicken in Alabama white barbecue sauce, all their recipes can be replicated at home.

"Making this show is a dream come true for Shauna and me," said Sam Evans.

"It embodies what we truly love about food and is essentially why we started our own catering business five years ago; food as the focus of a communal gathering.

"We witnessed many community barbecues in the States and fell in love with this way of showing community spirit. It's now our chance to give back to groups of people who volunteer their time for their own communities, and help them put on their own Big Cook-Out."

"We love to cook outdoors," added Shauna Guinn. "We want to show people that you really don't need fancy kitchen gadgets to make an amazing feast; just a basic barbecue, a bag of charcoal and some



Sam and Shauna are giving people a taste of the best barbecue food.

amazing local produce.

"Decent weather helps, but is by no means essential! Cooking and eating together with these incredible groups of people, who have all had their part to play in putting on a feast, is our way of celebrating their crucial role within their communities."

Kicking off their cook-outs by barbecuing a pig with Barry Town United FC, Sam and Shauna will then shine a light on the Llandysul Paddlers Canoe Club, The Cefn Hengoed Majestics Marching Band and the Brecon Mountain Rescue Team.

In addition to visiting these community organisations, they'll pay trips to local producers and free-range farms to source the ingredients for each cook-out, as knowing where their food comes from is key to their cooking.

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'Cabinet Secretary should think again over damaging new land tax,' SAYS AM

A NEW tax on the purchase of land, set to be introduced next week, will be hugely damaging to the local economy South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

The Welsh Government's Land Transaction Tax is set to impose a charge of 6 per cent on non-residential sales over £1 million affecting as much as 79 per cent of new commercial developments.

In recent years, the south Wales economy has been boosted by developments, including Cardiff Central Square and Aston Martin in the Vale, but similar deals in future would now be subject to the tax.

The Scottish Government has recently introduced a similar tax of just 4.5 per cent, which has been credited with the renaissance of Scotland's commercial property sector.

The tax in England - at 5 per cent - is also lower than the rate set to

come into force in Wales. Mr Davies has expressed grave concerns at the detrimental impact this would have on attracting investment as well as impeding job creation in the area.

He has written to cabinet secretary for finance, Mark Drakeford, calling on him to think again.

Mr Davies said: "Many in the commercial property sector are deeply worried by the impacts this new tax will have on the local economy."

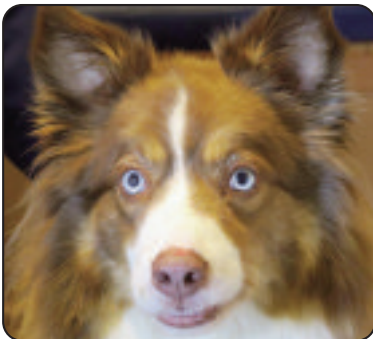
"Developments such as Central Square will revitalise Cardiff - as will Aston Martin in the Vale - but there are fears similar schemes in future could be unviable if investors are put off by the higher tax here."

"We all know the importance of creating jobs in the area, but if we cannot attract investment, this will be increasingly difficult."

"The cabinet secretary needs to think again and scrap the plans to show Wales is open for business."

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GWCT heralds success of the Big Farmland Bird Count

A RECORD-breaking number of farmers took part in the fifth successive Big Farmland Bird Count (BFBC).

Results show more than 1,000 farmers recorded 121 species across 950,000 acres during the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT)-led count, which took place between February 9-18.

A total of 25 red-listed species – those most in danger – were recorded, with five appearing in the 25 most commonly seen species list. These include fieldfares, starlings, house sparrows, song thrushes and yellowhammers.

The most plentiful of these were fieldfares and starlings, which were seen on nearly 40

per cent of the farms taking part.

The five most abundant birds spotted were starlings, woodpigeons, fieldfares, rooks and chaffinches. A total of 99,712 were found, making up nearly 50 per cent of the total number of birds recorded – a pattern similar in previous counts.

Organiser of the BFBC, Jim Egan, says he's delighted that more than 1,000 farmers took part this year, and 2,500 different farmers involved since the count began in 2014, is fantastic," said Jim.

"We can also see from the data collated that 50 per cent of farmers have been helping farmland birds in the recent cold snap. This is critical in getting farmland birds, particularly those on the

red list, through the winter so they are fit and healthy to breed in the spring. Our research at the Allerton Project clearly demonstrates the benefits of winter feeding."

Jim also commented: "It's great to know that many farmers will also now be providing insect-rich habitat to help provide for breeding birds through the spring and summer months."

Mike Green, environmental and stewardship manager at BASF, the main sponsor of the BFBC, said: "The Big Farmland Bird Count 2018 has once again shown the interest, skill and passion of farmers to

record the bird biodiversity they support on their farmland, with some in their fifth year of taking part, so very well done to them. This year's data confirms, again, that a wide variety of bird species, including some red-listers, are using the full range of habitats available on farm, and great to see some of those that use gardens being recorded on farms too."

Farmers from every county in England took part and there were also responses from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as 32 farmers from Austria.

Newly-elected National farmers' Union

(NFU) president Minette Batters said: "The event highlights how farmers balance food production and the excellent conservation work being undertaken on farms across the country."

"Over the past four decades, farmers have carried out a huge amount of work to encourage wildlife and are responsible for protecting, maintaining and enhancing 70 per cent of the nation's iconic countryside."

The survey areas included important environmental features such as hedges, woodland ponds, grass margins, ditches and trees. Most survey sites were next to winter

cereals, grassland or overwintered stubbles.

Country Land and Business Association (CLA) vice president Mark Tufnell said: "It is really encouraging that a record number of people took part in this year's count, with more than half being in some form of agri-environment scheme. This demonstrates farmers' ongoing commitment to the environment and shows their interest in

farmland birds. I was very pleased to hear of the sheer variety of birds seen, including a total of 25 red list species."

The BFBC was launched in 2014 to highlight the positive work done by farmers and gamekeepers in helping to reverse the decline in farmland bird numbers. The count offers a simple means of recording the effect of any conservation work currently being

instigated by farmers and gamekeepers on their land.

The GWCT would like to extend its thanks to BASF for sponsoring BFBC, which it delivered in partnership with Farming & Wildlife Advisory Groups Association and LEAF with support from the NFU, the CLA, and Kings.

To view the results in full, visit www.gwct.org.uk/bfbc.

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Building society sponsors business awards event

THE South Wales Business Awards is delighted to announce the Swansea Building Society as a sponsor for the 2018 awards.

Swansea Building Society has recently opened a new branch in Cowbridge, and has very quickly become a key part of the community and supporter of local businesses.

Richard Miles – head of savings and area manager (east Wales) said: "We are thrilled to be a sponsor for the 2018 South Wales Business Awards. With the society's newest branch based in Cowbridge, we feel sponsoring these awards is a great way to support the local community while highlighting

our presence in the area.

"We are also pleased to be a part of the judging of the awards, and finding out more about some of the outstanding companies and business people in the area who are making a real difference to the business community and beyond."

The founder of the South Wales Business Awards – Wesley Skene said: "The closing date for applications is Friday, April 27, with nominations announced on Tuesday, May 1. Full details of the awards and a downloadable application pack can be found at www.southwalesbusinessawards.co.uk



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Out & About with The GEM

'READY PLAYER ONE' IS STEVEN SPIELBERG AT HIS MOST MAJESTIC...

STEVEN SPIELBERG is working a pace that should shame most directors. Having only just delivered *The Post* into cinemas, on the back of *The BFG* and *Bridge of Spies*, he's already got a new film ready to go in *Ready Player One*.

Adapted from Ernest Cline's book, and set in 2045, it tells the story of Wade (Tye Sheridan) who, much like the rest of the world's population, escapes the monotony and the harshness of the real world by entering a

virtual universe called the OASIS, where you can do anything you like.

When the OASIS' creator, James Halliday (Mark Rylance) dies, he bequeaths his huge fortune and control of the OASIS to the winner of a competition designed to find a worthy heir. Wade, along with a group of people he befriends through the OASIS, soon find themselves in danger when their progress in the competition draws the attentions of Nolan Sorrento (Ben Mendelsohn), who has his own designs on OASIS...

In 1993, Steven Spielberg achieved an exceptional feat – he

released *Jurassic Park* and *Schindler's List*. The kind of double whammy that most directors struggle to achieve in their careers, Spielberg managed in just a couple of months.

Why is this pertinent? Because while that pair of films are pretty much beyond compare, what Spielberg has done in 2017 isn't far behind, *The Post* was Oscar-nominated and an incredibly well-told story – and *Ready Player One*? Well, this is the sort of bravura, majestic and sweeping film that Spielberg excels at, and it makes for a relentlessly engaging piece of work for the filmmaker.

Having not read

Ernest Cline's book, nor having been overly sold on the trailers, this reviewer didn't head into the film expecting anything more than the sort of film that Spielberg on blockbuster form delivers. What you get instead is a film that is one of the most visually breathtaking efforts in recent memory, and if the plot suffers from being a tad too predictable, you don't mind because of the sumptuous eye candy Spielberg is offering you.

Given that what the OASIS can offer you is determined by the limits of your imagination, anything and everything is on the table. Yet while there is an undeniable thrill of seeing *Back To The Future's* DeLorean being pursued by King Kong, or the Iron Giant heading into battle, this is a film that is far more than just a nostalgia-fuelled trip. Spielberg has



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dabbled with motion-capture before in *The Adventures of Tintin*, but this is a far more futuristic, far edgier excursion into it and he comes up trumps with some superb CGI and action sequences that are so rich in detail that a hundred views would throw up things you didn't realise were there (one sequence in

particular, set inside a classic film, not only takes your breath away in terms of its slavish reconstruction, but also turns into one of the most thrilling escapades).

The plot doesn't wholly convince, riffing on *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory* and plays out pretty much how you expect it to, but in fairness this dependable and familiar framework allows Spielberg's imagination and skill to flow, and it helps that the performances impress.

Tye Sheridan (looking every inch like a young Spielberg with his glasses on) is our hero and our window into this world.

Coupled with a tragic backstory, Wade makes for a wholly likeable, sympathetic and engaging lead, while Olivia Cooke's foil has substance to match her sass.

Ben Mendelsohn seems to be attempting to play every villainous

role going, yet here the gifted actor is allowed a strong character to essay, a corporate money-man more concerned with the bottom line than genuine villainy, and the actor delivers in spades.

Surrounding the main cast are the likes of Mark Rylance (showing his class in the small-but-pivotal role of Halliday), Lena Waithe, T J Miller and Hannah John-Kamen, all contributing to the film with good turns of varying size, but always playing their part.

What's most impressive is that this is a film made by a 72-year-old – Spielberg's desire to keep pushing boundaries and testing new technologies results in films like this, large-scale, incredible

mesmerising films that remind you of the visual power of a cinema screen.

Ready Player One isn't perfect – but as a slice of popcorn fun, and a film that is visually astounding, it's not that far off.

VERDICT: Visually stunning, *Ready Player One* is the sort of majestic, sweeping film that Steven Spielberg does so well. It's a story with heart and emotion to support the visual flourishes, and while the plot is nothing new, it's what Spielberg builds around it that makes this such an exceptional film.

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TOY & TRAIN SALE COMES TO PENARTH

THE regular collector's bonanza reaches Cardiff again shortly when Wales' largest and leading Toy & Train Sale arrives at Penarth Leisure Centre at Cogan, between 10.30am and 3pm on Saturday, April 7.

This will be the second such Cardiff event of 2018 but two further dates are already booked for July and October.

Organizer Chris Dyer commented: "Our venue at Cogan is ideal for a toy & train sale being large, easily accessed from all areas and most importantly, has Cogan Railway Station virtually next door and many of our customers make the most of the very frequent and reasonable train services, from so many departure points.

"We now offer in excess of 120 tables at the Cardiff show, and these are operated by more than 50 traders from all over the UK with the stock on offer, old and new, being quite unbeatable in quality & quantity, as well as being wonderful value-for-money with prices to suit all pockets.

"The Cardiff show is now firmly established

on the national scene and traders travel from as far away as the north east of England, east Anglia and Cornwall as well of course, from closer to home.

"The show is always fully-booked with traders weeks prior and indeed, the following event, in July, is already almost completely full".

Traders present on the day will be buying as well as selling and exchanging, and will also happily offer free valuations on a wide range of toy and train

related items and without any obligation; they welcome items being brought in for cash or exchange, so do raid your attic, dust-off your treasures and bring them along!

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The Heritage Centre, or museum as it was formerly known, was popular with visitors of all ages, but, had to close while the development work on the site was taking place.

Deputy Chief Constable Richard Lewis said: "Those who have had the opportunity to visit our museum before, will already be aware of the fascinating collection it holds, and how those items help us create a better understanding of the organisation and to tell the stories of its heritage throughout the decades.

"A history and heritage we are proud to share with our communities.

"It is in the telling of those stories that we hope to bring the history of policing in South Wales back to life.

"South Wales Police



The Heritage Centre was formed in 1969 out of the Glamorgan Police Museum which was established in 1950 by Deputy Chief Constable Edward Ronald Baker, OBE, QPM, LLB. He is pictured (above) as a serving Inspector with his wife.

has a fascinating history going back over many years, which includes the story of how our predecessor forces came together, creating the force we are today.

"When visiting the Heritage Centre, the thing that always strikes me most is the sense of just how much things have changed in a relatively short space of time, even since I first joined the force.

"That is particularly true when you compare the technology we are

using today to that we were using only a few years ago. Keeping that record of who we are and where we've been, is extremely important to us as it not only provides an opportunity for us to learn about those who came before us, but also to showcase and celebrate just how far we've come as an organisation.

"You will not have to look very far before you find some truly astonishing examples of leadership, loyalty,

selflessness and bravery. The remarkable stories of the WW1 policemen, who gave their lives for their country are a perfect example."

The galleries contain a range of artefacts, including police equipment and uniforms from years gone by, together with items like handcuffs, radios and 19th Century decorated truncheons.

There is also a charge room to book people into custody, as well as a cell for any of our law-breaking guests.

The museum is free to visit, but must be booked in advance. Send an email to policemuseum@south-wales.pnn.police.uk saying when and what time you would like to visit.

You will then get an email back to confirm details. Alternatively please call 01656 766855 and leave a message.

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Some of the exhibits.



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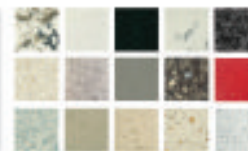
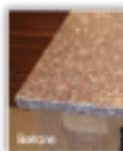
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The Potted Garden in April The sweet taste of Summer

SPRING is finally here and it's time to start thinking about planting for the summer – and perhaps even giving fruit growing a go!

Of all the popular summer fruits, strawberries are one of the easiest to grow in containers and you can grow them on a patio, balcony, windowsill or even in a hanging basket.

Strawberries are compact plants, so even gardeners with limited space can have a few pots on the go positioned close to the kitchen or outdoor seating area for convenience. By growing them in pots you can provide strawberries with the perfect conditions – rich, fertile, well draining soil in a sunny position and as they are growing off the ground they are less likely to suffer from disease or damage by pests.

There are two types of strawberries you can go for – summer-fruiting varieties or perpetual strawberries. Summer-fruiting are the largest and most popular. They have a short but heavy cropping period over two to three weeks any time from early to mid-

summer.

Perpetual strawberries produce smaller crops of fruits from early summer to early autumn. The crops are not as heavy as the summer-fruiting ones and the fruits are smaller in size.

You can grow strawberries in a variety of different containers, but the advantage of growing them in a strawberry planter – an urn shaped pot with pocket holes down the side – is that they look attractive, a good sized pot holds a fair number of plants and they produce the highest yield.

You will need one plant per side opening and three or four for the top (if you are growing strawberries in an ordinary container then just three or four plants will do). Fill the bottom of the pot with compost that contains a slow release fertiliser and continue to fill the container as you plug each hole with a strawberry plant, lightly patting the plant into the soil as you fill. Finish off your strawberry planter with the three to four plants on top.

Make sure your containers get at least six to eight hours of sun so that you will get plenty

of flowers and fruits and if the sunlight is coming from only one direction, rotate the container every three to four days if possible.

Water your strawberries whenever the soil feels dry about an inch below the surface, and when there are long periods of hot, dry weather you may need to water daily.

If pots and containers are just part of your outside space then here are some gardening tips for this month from the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society).

1. Tie back climbing and rambling roses;
2. Keep an eye out for pests and keep weeds under control;
3. Start feeding plants in the garden from now to the end of the summer;
4. Sow seeds directly into the soil so they can flower in the summer;
5. Sow vegetable seeds directly into prepared beds;
6. Plant summer flowering bulbs;
7. Sow new lawns or repair bare patches;
8. Prune shrubs and trees;
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PLANNING THOSE GARDEN JOBS...

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Planting trees and shrubs creates a more attractive garden, and is a great way to fill a gap, provide privacy and screen sights and sounds from next door.

But before you get carried away, remember that roots often extend to distances in excess of the height of the tree and they can take moisture from the soil. So before you start planting, here are some practical tips to help reduce the risk of potential damage and help you prepare your

garden for Spring:

If the soil is clay, new planting may cause it to shrink, while removing existing trees and shrubs may make it swell. Therefore, plant new trees away from your home. Find out how tall the mature tree will be and make sure it is positioned by a factor of at least 1.25 of this measurement from the house.

If you're planning to grow your own fruit, order your fruit trees now ready for planting in the spring and continue planting trees and shrubs while they are still

dormant.

If you have any slimy patches on your paving and patio, remove them by scrubbing with a broom or blasting with a pressure washer. Also, wash empty pots by scrubbing them with hot water and a mild detergent before rinsing them well afterwards.

Avoid planting climbers such as ivy and Virginia Creeper against house walls, as they hold on using suckers, twining tendrils or aerial roots which could damage mortar and may cause damp. Plant these at least three metres (10 feet in old money) away from your home.

Before cutting down or pruning a mature tree, check with your local authority to make sure that it is not protected by planning conditions, conservation area restrictions or a Tree Preservation Order.

Allow enough room for trunks and large roots to grow safely. Be particularly careful if planting near drains or lightweight structures.

Although you do not need to, when planting new trees in your garden that will also be near your neighbour's house, be considerate and ask your neighbour if this is okay, as you could be liable for the cost of repair if the

trees you plant cause damage to their home.

Regular pruning of fast growing, thirsty trees such as Leyland Cypress, will help to reduce the amount of water taken from the soil.

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NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL



Year-9 'In it to win it' winners.



Year-7 'In it to be in it' winners.



Year-8 'In it to win it' winners.

AT the end of another busy term, Barry Comprehensive School held the spring 'In It To Win It' draw with a range of fantastic prizes awarded to students for excellence in attendance, attitudes to learning and academic success.

Students collected their tickets throughout the term in the knowledge that the more tickets accumulated, the more chances there are to win a prize.

With all students having at least one ticket, everyone was excited for the draw. The hall and gym were filled with ticket holders because attendance is required to be able to claim a prize. If you are not in, you cannot win!

The next draw at the end of the summer term will be the final 'In It To Win It' before Barry Comprehensive School closes its doors for the last time.

Even so, the message to students remains the same, keep working hard, keep attendance high and keep collecting those tickets.

Groups can benefit from new grant aid

COMMUNITIES, social enterprises and groups across the Vale will benefit from a new pot of funding, thanks to a new grant fund from the Vale Council.

The fund is designed to support income generation and sustainable projects.

A total of £672,000 is being made available over three years through the Strong Communities Grant Fund, £60,000 of which is provided by the Waterloo Foundation and the remainder by the council.

The fund's evaluation panel is made up of the council's leader, cabinet member for regeneration and planning, together with external partners such as Waterloo, NRW, GVS, and town and community councils.

It met for the second time this month and a total of 23 projects have been supported to date.

Projects to receive money include Cowbridge Charter Trust for its Old Hall Gardens restoration project.

The Gibby Green Fingers group will receive support for a sensory garden, education centre and to pay for sensory and mobility equipment.

Groups in Sully and Rhosce will receive funding to purchase cinema equipment. A lunch club has also been supported in St Athan.

Cllr John Thomas, leader of the council, said: "The council recognises this vital role that community-led organisations, social enterprises and

town and community councils play in the Vale.

"We know that if we are to fulfil our ambition of building stronger communities with brighter futures, then we will have to work hand in hand.

The Strong Communities Grant Fund was established to allow us to do just that.

"The quality of the schemes seen in these early applications is a testament to both the groups themselves and the support they have received from the council's economic development team. The success of this partnership working bodes very well for the future."

The council has committed £162,000 of annual funding for three years from 2017/18. The Strong Communities Grant Fund can also access section 106 funding, if it is found to be appropriate.

The purpose of the Strong Communities Fund is to enable community groups, the voluntary sector and town and community councils to apply funding for initiatives that reduce their reliance on grant funding and support the council's reshaping services agenda. Groups can apply for capital and revenue funding.

The window for applications for the next round of funding is open until August 3. More information can be found at <http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/workin/g/Business-Support/Strong-Communities-Grant.aspx>

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 1) 2018

1. Hysbysir drwy hyn fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn cynnig gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwaredu'r manau parcio i bobl anabl yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn yr Atodlenni isod.

2. Mae modd gweld manylion llawn y cynigion hyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau gwaith arferol a rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiadau a allai fod gennych i'r cynnig hwn i Gyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf. IF848) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 27 Ebrill 2018 a rhaid cynnwys eich rhesymau dros wrthwynebu.

3. Rhoddir gwybod i unrhyw un sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig, yn sgil Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad at Wybodaeth) 1985, fod rhwymedigaeth gyfreithiol ar y Cyngor hwn i alluogi'r cyhoedd i archwilio unrhyw sylwadau sy'n dod i law am y Gorchymyn a gynigir.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATOLDEN 1

Cynnig i Dynnu Mannau Parcio i Bobl Anabl

Stryd y Castell, y Barri (34) (AX49)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 32 a 34 tua'r de-ddwyrain am 5.3 metr.

St Marys Avenue, y Barri, (66 a 98) (AW53)

Ar ochr y de-orllewin, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 66 a 68 tua'r de-orllewin am 5 metr. Ar ochr y de-orllewin, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 96 a 98 tua'r de-ddwyrain am 5 metr.

Vale Street, y Barri (35 a 48) (AX49)

Ar ochr y de, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 33 a 35 tua'r gorllewin am 5 metr. Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 46 a 48 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Dock Street, Penarth (23) (AI63)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 22 a 23 tua'r de-ddwyrain am 5 metr.

ATOLDEN 2

Tynnu'r man parcio i bobl anabl presennol gan roi Man Aros Cyfyngedig dydd Llun i Sadwrn 8am tan 6pm 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr ac eithrio Deiliad Trwydded i Breswylwyr yn ei le.

Lower Morel Street, y Barri (27) (AV53)

Ar ochr y de-orllewin, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 25 a 27 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.2 metr.

Pyke Street, y Barri (28) (AU52)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 27 a 28 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.2 metr.

Dyddiedig 5 Ebrill 2018

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Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps,
Gwenfô, CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 1) ORDER 2018

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order to remove the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in the Schedules below.

2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF848) in writing by 27th April 2018 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Proposed Revocation of Disabled Persons Parking Places

Castle Street, Barry (34) (AX49)

On its north east side from the boundary line between property numbers 32 and 34 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 5.3 metres.

St Marys Avenue, Barry (66 and 98) (AX53)

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 66 and 68 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 96 and 98 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Vale Street, Barry (35 and 48) (AX49)

On the south side from the boundary line of property numbers 33 and 35 in a westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 46 and 48 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Dock Street, Penarth (23) (AI63)

On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 22 and 23 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

SCHEDULE 2

Revoke the existing disabled persons parking place and replace with Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except Resident Permit Holders.

Lower Morel Street, Barry (27) (AV53)

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 25 and 27 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5.2 metres.

Pyke Street, Barry (28) (AU52)

On its north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 27 and 28 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5.2 metres.

Dated this 5th day of April 2018

Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



Energie Fitness is opening in Bridgend



An architect's rendering of the 'Yard' at Energie Fitness.

ONE of the biggest fitness franchises in the UK, Energie Fitness, has confirmed it is opening an 8,000-square-foot gym in Bridgend in May this year.

The locally-owned and managed club will create 10 jobs from personal trainers to housekeeping roles, and give people in Bridgend low-cost access to first-class fitness facilities.

It will be sited in Bridgend Shopping Centre on Brackla Street, a short walk from Asda, Aldi, and the town centre, as well as nearby car parks.

Energie Fitness will feature state-of-the-art fitness equipment, training zones, 40+ classes a week and, said club manager, Harry Goding "...a unique personal service to help people achieve their fitness goals and aspirations".

The gym will feature a studio called the 'Yard', which is unique to the Energie Group. The Yard consists of a circuit-based studio with punch

bags, an 'A' frame for body weight exercises, as well as a sprint track, boxing zone, and a separate studio dedicated to spin, yoga, and Pilates classes.

It will also have a free weights area, cardiovascular equipment, Olympic Lifting Platform, and MyZone heart-rate system.

Mr Goding continued: "One of our key strengths will be how we make the member feel and to ensure they get the most from their experience with us."

"When a member walks in, they will be greeted by a friendly smile and that person will know the member by their name and, over time, what their own individual goal is."

"That's the level of personal service we aim to achieve."

For more information about Energie Fitness, including opening membership offers, visit www.energiefitness.com/bridgend, call 07398 113583, or email bridgend@energiefitness.com.

Country Inn's cakes for charity

THE Golden Mile Country Inn, Corntown, is hosting an event in aid of the charity 'Stand Up To Cancer' on Monday, April 9, midday to 2pm.

Patisserie chef Kathryn will be making delicious cakes to raise funds for the charity. Complimentary tea or coffee will be provided to

accompany the cakes you have just bought.

You can have your cake (and eat it) in the pub – or buy some to take home. All donations will be given to the Stand Up To Cancer charity. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation – please go to the Just Giving Page via the following link - <https://fundraise.cancerrsearchuk.org/page/kath>

Orchid fans in for a treat!

THERE was the Christmas break. Then there was the post-Christmas lunch. The annual general meeting followed.

Then, in March, adverse weather conditions forced the cancellation of the planned meeting.

I would like to welcome members and anyone who would like

to join us to a talk on cool orchids given by our chairman Tony Cumming, which will be on Saturday, April 7 at the Old School Hall Sully at 2pm.

So, if you are interested in orchids and wish to know more, you are welcome to come and join us.

Everybody is welcome. **Liz Britton-Cumming, Secretary**

Craft fair in Barry

UNFORTUNATELY, Enfs Craft Fair was cancelled on March 3 because of the snow, but the next is on Saturday, April 7, from 10am until 4pm at St Ffrancis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry.

There's a wide choice of gifts available, and Ann's kitchen has been adding new mouth-watering dishes to her menu.

The April charity raffle will be for the TAVS Centre in Roath, Cardiff.

The next craft fair will be held on Saturday May 5.

For more information about the fair please contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784. **BW**

Progress made on White Farm

BUILDING developer Persimmon has agreed to carry out improvements to the White Farm estate following talks with the Vale's MP Alun Cairns and local councillors.

Residents had approached Mr Cairns and councillors to express their concerns regarding the poor state of roads and pavements.

They claimed that since 2013, there had been numerous issues regarding the standard of roads, gardens flooding, and a surface depression on the main access road.

Residents also complained of crumbling roads, speed bumps, and a lack of road signs, dog bins and children's play areas on the estate.

Mr Cairns liaised with local councillors Leighton Rowlands and Vincent Bailey, and Persimmon to resolve the issues.

The developer has now agreed to take responsibility for any highway defects around the estate and make all the necessary repairs including the surface problem on the access road.

Mr Cairns said: "A number of residents from White Farm have raised concerns not only with me, but also Dyfan councillors Leighton Rowlands and Vincent Bailey."

"It's important that when homeowners purchase their home, they don't have to worry about issues like these that are not their responsibility."

"The roads around White Farm remain under the ownership of Persimmon and the maintenance of the road is still their responsibility."

"That's why we approached Persimmon and worked with them on the improvements that needed to be done and I'm happy that they have agreed to do this and will start work in the near future."

In a letter to White Farm residents, Dyfan councillors Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands said: "It's a relief to see Persimmon giving ground at last and we are grateful to Alun Cairns for mediating these talks."

Persimmon will advise residents and Mr Cairns soon on the completion date for the works.



Alun Cairns (centre) at White Farm with councillors Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands.

GlastonBARRY weekend opened by Toploader



Toploader will perform in Barry in July.

L O C A L impresarios **Ross Mackintosh and Matt Blumberg** pledged that **2018** would be their most **ambitious** **GlastonBARRY** event yet and they have backed up the boast by booking **top band Toploader**.

Ross told THE GEM: "We're delighted to announce that on Friday, July 27, 90s icons Toploader will be in Barry."

"Since exploding onto the scene shortly after forming in 1997, the Brits nominated band have had over two million album sales to

their name and a string of top 20 hits both at home and abroad.

"They never fail to please crowds and have backed the likes of Robbie Williams and Tom Jones everywhere from Wembley Stadium to Glastonbury. Now they are playing at GlastonBARRY!"

Those with a GlastonBARRY VIP ticket get in free, but tickets are available for the evening at £10.

Sponsors of the event include Barry Training Services, Ruckleys and Brains Brewery. For ticket information, go to: www.glastonbarry.com; or call the box office at 01446 737339.

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Take note of April skies

ASTRONOMY CORNER BY DAVE POWELL
OF BARRY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

IN April, the Plough will be overhead and the two stars known as the 'pointers' show where the Pole star lies; strangely enough it lies below the pointers, roughly half way towards the northern horizon.

But let us look at the handle of the Plough. After the top right-hand star of the bowl we find three stars that form the 'handle'. Look carefully at the middle star, you should see two stars close together.

These are called Mizar and Alcor – this is a good example of a double star. If you can only see one, use binoculars and you will be able to see the two stars clearly. This is a system where the two stars orbit each other.

In fact, with the aid of binoculars you may now see a third, fainter star between the two components, sometimes known as 'Ludwig's' star. We may also use

the end star of the handle to locate other constellations.

Follow a curved imaginary line down towards the south-eastern horizon and you will spot a bright orange star called Arcturus, the brightest star of the constellation of Bootes. Continue the curve towards the eastern horizon and another bright star, Spica, will be seen.

Spica is the brightest star of the constellation Virgo. The Moon lies to one side of Spica on April 1.

Directly below the Plough looking south we find Leo the Lion, the brightest portion of this constellation looking like a backwards facing question mark. Its full stop is covered by the bright star Regulus. The Moon is very close to this star on April 24.

Another target this month is finding the giant planet Jupiter. By the middle of the month it should be visible close

to the south eastern horizon.

If you have a pair of binoculars you will see its four bright Moons: Io, Callisto, Europa, and Ganymede. They will look like faint stars and if you check each night you will find them in different positions, relative to the planet. Sometimes two or three on one side of Jupiter and another on its other side.

A telescope will show you some detail on the planet, for example its two brightest cloud belts will appear as two dark lines. In the late evening of April 2 the Moon lies above the planet and on April 30 the full Moon lies close by.

Finally, on April 22 look in the evening sky – you may be lucky enough to spot some Lyrid meteors.

Do check our website www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com for details of our observing sessions.

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A listening ear and specialist expertise makes Jill a leader in her field

MEET Jill Buttel, a director and head of Family in south east Wales for JCP Solicitors.

A Senior Practitioner, Jill specialises in divorce, financial and care proceedings, and the Children's Act.

She is a member of the Law Society Children Panel, an Advanced Member of the Law Society's Family Law Panel, and a member of Resolution, a code of conduct for family law specialists, ensuring the highest possible standards are maintained.

How long have you worked for JCP Solicitors?

I've been a qualified solicitor for 20 years, working as a partner in Glamorgan Law during the past seven years before we merged with JCP Solicitors in 2017.

The merger has brought about positive changes because the company is now much bigger, giving us many more specialists within



our wider 'family' of legal experts we can turn to for expertise.

Even though the business is larger, the focus is still very much on the client and delivery of a comprehensive service. I very much respect the fact that JCP Solicitors places great value on being an integral part of the communities it serves.

What is the most satisfying aspect of working in Family Law?

People come to a family solicitor at times of emotional upheaval. They may be going

through a separation and feel their financial future, their home or their business is at risk, they may be dealing with a thorny family dispute, or an issue over the care of a child.

During those initial meetings, you see people at their lowest ebb emotionally. Being able to support them to get a resolution that puts them on a stable footing for the future is very satisfying.

How do you put a client at ease when they are consulting you during a particularly tough time their lives?

I listen carefully. When people can see they are being listened to they relax and gain confidence in my ability to help them. I do all I can to establish a rapport so we can work

towards viable solutions together.

You work out of the Cowbridge office for much of your working week. What's your favourite spot in Cowbridge?

Cowbridge has a community feel and a unique character because of its independent traders. I particularly like Strawberry Fields, for its fresh fruit and veg, and I'm fan of the Sunday lunch at the Penny Farthing.

What do you do in your spare time?

My family and I spend a lot of time in our boots, walking in Brecon. Law can be stressful and getting out into nature with my family, enjoying big skies, fresh air and wildlife is a joy.



COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL
News and views from Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan. 01656 860303.

Vestry restoration

FRIENDS of Saron Chapel are in the process of securing grants to complete the restoration project.

The fully-restored vestry will have a new toilet, a small kitchen, and an internal staircase leading to a meeting room.

This could be used for coffee mornings, mother and toddler groups, and a host of other activities.

Lottery winners

LUCKY winners in 2017 were as follows:

April – Glyn Jones, Martyn Jones and Maria Summer.

August – Donald Groom, Eleanor Roberts and Colin David.

December – Tricia Salmon, Nancy Williams and Jill Ham.

The lottery fund, together with other fundraising activities, pays for the running costs of Saron Chapel.

What's on and where

Open church

ON Sunday, April 8 there will be an open afternoon at Llanblethian Church 2pm-4pm.

The church will be full of Easter flowers, and there will be a display of family christening robes with tea and cakes for all. There is no charge for entry and all are very welcome.

For further details, contact Peter Davies (Llanblethian church secretary), telephone 01446 775211.

Mediumship demonstration

A DEMONSTRATION of mediumship takes place at Barry National Spiritualist Centre, Buttrills Road, Barry CF638EF on Monday, April 9 at 7pm with Moya O'Dwyer. Doors open at 6.30pm, cost £5.

Barnardo's group

The Barry Barnardo's Helper Group are having a spring fashion show and tea at the St Francis Millennium

Hall, Barry, to raise ON Sunday, April 8 funds for Barnardo's projects in Wales.

The event takes place on Saturday, April 28 at 2.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 and available from Nans Binding, who can be contacted on 01446 734083. All are welcome.

Art exhibition

LINDA JOHNS has opened her exhibition of drawings and paintings on the theme of 'Water' at the Travellers Gallery in the Mind Cafe at Barry Station. The show runs Monday to Friday from 7am to 12 noon until May 4.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'Nature with a camera' by Richard Marks, at 2pm on Wednesday, April 11 in Cowbridge town Hall.

Visitors welcome. There is a small fee which includes refreshments. See www.u3sites.org.uk/cowbridge.

Ableworld launches its own magazine

HOLD the front page... Ableworld magazine is on its way.

Some of the most successful publications with the largest circulations and readerships are actually customer magazines, provided by companies that understand the importance of staying close to their customer bases.

Now the UK's leading retailer of mobility equipment, Ableworld, is launching its own customer magazine which will be available free of charge in 34 stores around the UK and online.

Titled *independence*, the magazine will provide readers with a variety of articles, news and views which marketing manager Michelle Mossford believes will provide useful advice.

She said: "Unlike many company newsletters and magazines, *independence* is about our customers and potential customers, not ourselves."

"The majority of the content is aimed at providing interesting and useful reading for the thousands of people who already shop with us and all those who visit our website and stores for the first time."

Ableworld will be looking to support its



suppliers too as Michelle added: "We are keen to work with our suppliers to give them and their products exposure in the magazine. In the first issue we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of one of our suppliers and running a competition in conjunction with another."

Michelle says that the company is also keen to hear from organisations, charities and companies that have services and products that the Ableworld magazine readers would find interesting and useful.

The magazine, which is scheduled to appear quarterly initially, will be available to pick up from all 34 stores nationwide by mid-April.

The magazine will also be available to read online and will be found on the home page of the Ableworld website.

For further information email magazine@ableworld.co.uk.

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Men's forum enjoys historic tour

AT this week's meeting, members of Barry Men's Forum were entertained by Aldon Grisdale the local historian and proprietor of Copy It, on Holton Road, Barry.

The meeting was based on the theme of a walk around Barry starting and returning in an anti-clockwise direction.

Aldon began with how the town of Barry was created in the late 19th century from the merger of the settlements of Merthyr Dyfan, Cadoxton and Barry, due to the growth of the South Wales coalfield.

He then delved into the little-known history of Porthkerry and the Roman settlement at Cold Knap, followed by a tour of Barry Island which focused on the ruins of a chapel dedicated to St Baruc, then onto Barry Docks.

This was followed by a tour of Cadoxton, listing places of great interest such as the ancient church dedicated to St Cadoc, known by locals as the Old Village Church, before a brief history of Cassy Common and the old Court and its Dove Cot on Mount Pleasant, one of only three known examples in Wales.

Unfortunately very little is recorded of early Welsh history. In England they have the Domesday Book of 1086 created by King William (the Conqueror).

The talk ended with a tour of Merthyr Dyfan and the historic church of St Dyfan and St Teilo in Merthyr Dyfan Lane. This church is on one of the oldest Christian sites in Britain.

Barry Men's Forum meets every Thursday at Holy Trinity Church in the hall on Aberystwyth Crescent, at 10am for refreshments prior to a speaker. Next week it will be presented by Brian Trego, whose subject is 'Marrakesh to the Sahara.'

Further information can be obtained from Mac Tanner on Barry 01446 743455. New members are always welcome and it is 50 years since this organisation was founded.

A Barry welcome for the RAF 100 token – and then it's on to Porthcawl!

IN 2018 the Royal Air Force will be 100 years old, having been formed on April 1, 1918 through the amalgamation of the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps; the first commander of the new organisation was Major General Hugh Trenchard.

The Wales, Midland and south western area of the Royal Air Forces Association, the charity that supports the RAF family, is marking this auspicious anniversary throughout 2018 and the Barry branch will be taking part.

Tokens representing the three founding components of the RAF are travelling from branch to branch throughout Wales, the Midlands and the south west and the token representing the RFC will be arriving from Penarth, carried by the Penarth ATC cadets, via the coastal path to the Captain's Wife in Swanbridge; then on to the Sully Sports and

Social Club at around midday on April 14.

Here it will be handed on to members of the Barry RAFA branch and cadets of 372 ATC Barry and brought to King Square, Barry on an open top bus to be received by both Vale and Town Mayors.

During its stay in Barry it will be on display at the Barry library, together with a photo display of the history of the RAF.

On April 22 at 2pm a church service at St Mary's Church will be held to bless the token and to recognise the Barry branch 80th anniversary (Barry being the oldest branch in Wales, formed at the time of MOD St Athan being built in 1938; which is also celebrating its 80th anniversary).

At 12.30pm on April 24 the token will be handed over by the Vale and Barry Mayors to the RNLI Barry, who will take it by sea to Nash

point where Porthcawl RNLI will receive it and take to Porthcawl RAFA.

Here it will be met by the RAFA Porthcawl branch and transported to RAF Stormy Down for the official handover from the Barry branch.

Members of the Barry branch would like to welcome as many guests as possible to join us at either the arrival or departure of the token and at the church service to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the RAF and 80th anniversary of RAFA Barry, or to find out about the great work that the Royal Air Forces Association does in support of all members of the RAF family – from the newest recruit right through to our oldest veteran, their spouses and dependent children. We look forward to seeing you.

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South-east Wales jobs forecast increases 'due to region city deal'

EMPLOYMENT in south east Wales is set to increase by more than 29,000 jobs between 2014 and 2024, according to figures highlighted in Careers Wales' Spotlight on South East Wales.

The national information advice and guidance service has launched its Spotlight on South East Wales at an event in Lliswerry High School in Newport.

The Spotlight report –

an online resource and professional services, construction and human foundational economy (which includes health, social care and education).

The finance and insurance sector is likely to have the greatest percentage growth of around 19.5 per cent.

A key theme throughout the report is the rising demand for digital skills across all sectors. According to the Spotlight, more than 1,000 new growth jobs in the ICT sector are forecast by 2024 for the

region. The report states that new technology, such as artificial intelligence, driverless vehicles, 3D printing, robotics and automation will also continue to change the future of work and skills.

While there a number of factors that will contribute to the growth in these sectors, the report identifies three contributory factors. The Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, a £1.2 billion investment in south east Wales, is expected to provide up to 25,000 new jobs within the region.

The compound semiconductor foundry in Newport is also likely to create 2,000 jobs for the region, and hundreds of manufacturing jobs are expected to be created by the Aston Martin project in St Athan.

Findings from the data also identified a number of skills gaps, from job-specific skills, to softer employment skills including problem-solving, time management, customer handling and team working.

Graham Bowd, chief executive at Careers Wales, said: "Our Spotlight on South East Wales clearly demonstrates how the region is experiencing, and will continue to experience, significant growth. The investment

into the area by companies such as Aston Martin provides a huge boost to employment opportunities, and it's positive to see such flagship companies demonstrating confidence to invest in the area.

"With new technology continuing to change the way in which we work, it is clear the demand for IT and digital skills will only continue to rise.

"It is encouraging to see that the predicted growth will be across a range of different sectors. The spotlight also suggests that the number of apprenticeships available will be significant in south east Wales."

LSKIP is working closely with employers to help identify the region's most significant areas of growth and recognises that teaching secondary school pupils about the skill gaps in their region is a vital part of future workforce planning, so that they can be better equipped and prepared for employment opportunities in areas of high demand once they leave full-time education.

For more statistics from Careers Wales' Spotlight on South East Wales, visit careerswales.com/spotlightonsoutheastwales.

Jodie Phillips

Flybe takes off for Venice this summer

FLYBE has started operating its 2018 summer schedule from Cardiff Airport, featuring 17 routes with a total choice of up to 75 flights a week.

The start of the summer season took off with the launch of the first ever service between Cardiff and Venice; the inaugural flight took off from Cardiff on March 27.

To mark the occasion, Cardiff Airport surprised passengers with a celebration at the departure gate featuring popular Welsh artist Nathan Wyburn, who created a stunning Venetian mask live in the terminal.

On arrival in Venice, Paul Willoughby, Flybe regional sales manager presented friends at Venice Airport with a commemorative gift made out of traditional Welsh slate to

celebrate the inaugural returning flight. Venice is the airline's fourth Italian route from Cardiff.

Roy Kinnear, Flybe's chief commercial officer, commented: "We are delighted to include yet another new route to Italy from our Cardiff base this summer and look forward to welcoming many new passengers on board."

Deb Barber, chief executive officer of Cardiff Airport, added: "It's been a hugely exciting day with a great buzz in the terminal. What a great way to mark the start of Flybe's third summer season at Wales' national airport!"

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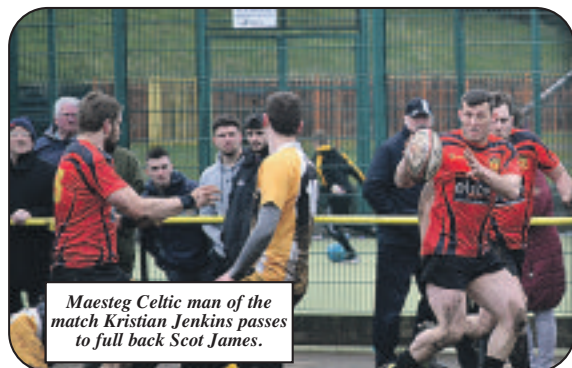
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Win keeps up Maesteg Celtic's momentum



Maesteg Celtic man of the match Kristian Jenkins passes to full back Scot James.

MAESTEG CELTIC played mid-table Taibach for the first time this season.

The game began at a high tempo with neither side gaining the upper hand. Celtic's pack were unable to establish their usual control up front, although lineup jumpers Rhys Bevan Jones and Mark Hillier-Rees dominated their own ball and Hillier-Rees won several off their opponents. Celtic opened the scoring when a break by flanker Callum Bowen took play to the Taibach 22. The ball was moved to the three quarters by scrum half Leon Evans and centre Kristian Jenkins chipped over the rush defence for captain Oliver Petty to hack the ball over the line.

Jenkins sprinted past the defence to gain the touchdown. Outside half Mathew Harris put Celtic further in the lead when they were awarded a penalty soon after the restart.

Celtic's second try came when a three quarter move broke down on halfway. Centre Lee Arthur passed to Kristian Jenkins who looped back and found a gap in the forwards and accelerated behind the defence.

He then sprinted into the 22 swerved around the fullback and touched down under the posts. Harris converted.

Taibach began to win a lot of ball in the second half and ran at the Celtic with good passing and offloading. Their centre found a gap in midfield and sprinted through.

He kicked ahead and his right wing scored in the corner. A Celtic player

was yellow-carded in front of the post and the Taibach outside half kicked the penalty.

Taibach then had a prop injured and asked for passive scrums. They continued to put pressure on the Celtic defence and were awarded another penalty to close the score to three points.

Celtic made several changes which helped them to rally and man of the match Kristian Jenkins made another fine break which took play into the 22 and Taibach were forced to kill the ball in front of their posts.

Mathew Harris had no problems with the kick. Harris made the game safe with minutes left on the clock with a fine penalty kick, the final score 21-11.

MAESTEG Celtic seconds visited Bridgend Sports for the second time this season.

Sports were unable to field a front row and this resulted in them requesting passive scrums from the outset. This negated the influence of the Celtic pack which has been magnificent all season.

Sports learned from their one point defeat earlier in the season and ran the ball away from the forwards at every opportunity, and this resulted in them scoring many tries.

Celtic's try scorers were hooker Neil Sainsbury (2), outside half Neil Arthur, fullback Shaun Raymond kicked two conversions and centre Rhodri Thomas one, the final score 53-21.

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Bridgend Athletic mini and junior rugby round-up

ONLY the Athletic senior mini groups, aged 14-16, were in action over Easter weekend.

The under-14s won away at Blackwood and the under-15s came away from Sardis Road with a victory over Pontypridd. The under-16s travelled further afield to Belgium and were beaten finalists in the annual Ghent Easter Rugby Festival.

This Sunday, April 8, the mini and junior sections hold their annual BARFC tournament at Bryntirion Comprehensive School commencing at 10am – spectators are very welcome to view a high standard of competition at age groups from 7-16.

The Athletic under-11 team currently have player vacancies – contact Lauren Burgess on 07714238283 or email ballasblade@aol.com.

The under-14s travelled up to Blackwood with only 16 players available knowing they needed a big effort with everyone giving 100 per cent to be successful.

With perfect playing conditions, the Ath started strongly playing good attacking rugby with forwards and backs combining effectively, and soon registered the opening try.

Showing great defence and winning the battle at the breakdown, the Ath started playing some excellent rugby and struck again for a second touchdown.

With only a penalty in return, Blackwood trailed 3-14 at half-time.

During the second half the Ath found another level of physicality and really stretched the Blackwood defence, resulting in another three tries.

There were big performances from all 16 players, but a special mention must go to Charlie Ashpole for a huge game. Final score 3-31.

Ath try scorers Tom Clark, Will Fyfe, Dexter Jones, Ethan Scourfield and Gus Patterson. Conversions: Evan Beach (3).

The under-15s travelled to Pontypridd on Friday for a rain-soaked game on the Sardis Road 4G pitch.

Despite the weather both teams looked to play good rugby and from the start there was some ferocious tackling and rucking from both teams. The Athletic triumphed 17-0 on the night.

Midway through the first half fantastic handling from the Ath backs put Owen D'Adamo away down the left touchline. However, a very good tackle by the Ponty winger managed to drag Owen into touch deep in

the Ponty half.

A short while later Big John Coates peeled off a driving maul and drove forward. A great back of the hand pass to Callum Reed saw him score a great supporting try wide out, the conversion narrowly missing the upright.

Ten minutes later a great break from Callum, from a ruck, saw him feed Tom Davies on the wing. A scorching run along the touchline from 50 metres out saw Davies tackled by three players just short of the line, only to amazingly bounce up off the floor and drag them all over with him to score an amazing try to give the Ath a 10-0 half-time lead.

The second half saw the Ath dominating with the pack taking the game to Ponty and setting a great platform for the backs.

Some punishing ball carrying and rucking by Ryan, Fynn, Michael, Harrison, Logan, John, and many others saw Ponty constantly under immense pressure.

A clearance kick from their own 22 by Ponty saw Tom Davies gather the ball behind his own 10 metre line. A great run and link with Luke Thomas saw Luke then feeding Flossy, who threw a well-timed pass to Owen D'Adamo, who scored blistering pace to scorch down the touchline and round everybody to score under the posts for the third Athletic try. Euan Rees converted to give the Athletic a 17-0 victory.

Overall, a fantastic display by all 19 players who took the field and another well-deserved win against a very good Pontypridd team.

The under-16s travelled to Ghent in Belgium to take part in the Ghent Easter rugby tournament, now in its 30th year.

The whole squad did themselves and the Ath proud by reaching the tournament final, where they lost by 31-5 to a well-drilled Machen team.

They breezed through the three pool games, scoring 59 points and conceding none, with wins over Darlington Youth (29-0), Aylsbury Bulls (25-0) and Altrichan Kersal (5-0).

The Ath then defeated Crowborough Rugby Club by 12 points to 7 in a tight semi-final.

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Captain Aaron Mordecai charges the Rhiwbina defence. ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANNON.

Athletic seconds are made to work for win



ABOVE: Iestyn Merriman is driven over the line by the Bridgend Athletic pack.

RIGHT: Ryan Pickford stretches his way towards the try line.

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC second XV were made to battle for 80 minutes to secure a hard fought 12-10 victory in a WRU conference fixture at Rhiwbina.

Following heavy rain, the surface was slippery with mud, but both sides tried to move the ball – though defences were hard to break down. Both sides started the day unbeaten in Tier 2 of the WRU conference.

Playing down the slope with a breeze behind them, the Athletic took early control of the game. Scrum half Joe Symons was lively and looking to get his backline moving.

Outside half Scott Jones was keeping his side on the front foot with long tactical touch finders.

The early pressure led to Rhiwbina conceding two very kickable penalties. However, the Athletic opted to chance their arm with two five-metre driving line outs by kicking to touch. Both were defended successfully by the home side.

However, a third attempt was successful. Hooker Lewis Down found captain Aaron Mordecai, who was a dominant force in the line out, and prop Lee Murphy directed the driving maul for flanker Iestyn Merriman to break off and cross wide out.

Scott Jones added the conversion. He then put in a well-judged cross kick which wing Josh Seldon failed to hold onto as he crossed the try line.

On the stroke of half-time the Athletic were awarded a scrum 40 metres out. Symons set the backs in motion and

crisp passing from Scott Jones and centres Luke Yardley and Luke Holliman saw full back Liam Phillips create an overlap for wing Ryan Pickford to race over in the corner from 30 metres out. This gave the Athletic a 12-0 half-time lead.

Rhiwbina, now using the slope, had an early five-metre line out. However, lock Aled Pilliner successfully sacked his opposite number and Rhiwbina were penalised for holding on.

A well-struck 40-metre penalty from Rhiwbina outside half Ryan Stacey reduced the deficit to 12-3. The momentum was with Rhiwbina when the Athletic saw yellow cards issued to Murphy and Merriman within a minute of each other.

Pilliner was again the hero as he again stopped two five-metre line out drives as the home side looked to take advantage of eight forwards against six.

Great defence from the Athletic six of Matthew Greenman, Lewis Down, Jacob David, Aled Pilliner, Aaron Mordecai and Hywel Cosby, aligned to excellent tackling by the Athletic backs with centre Luke Yardley to the fore, prevented their line being breached during this 10-minute period.

The Athletic brought on fresh legs with Ben Cording, Andrew Brown and Nathan Jones joining the rearguard action.

Rhiwbina continued to press and in the 73rd minute their scrum half John Worsley broke away from a ruck inside the Athletic 22 to race over in the corner. Stacey converted to reduce his side's deficit to 12-10.

With a minute to go, Stacey was only just



short with a penalty from just inside his own half as the Athletic hung on for a very gritty win.

Team manager Liam Griffiths reflected: "Fortunately, our decision not to kick two early penalty chances did not come home to bite us as has happened in some earlier games."

"The whole 18 players used put in a terrific committed performance particularly in the second half when the home side, with a sizeable pack advantage, came hard at us."

"Lock Aled Pilliner was brave to stop driving line outs at source and No 8 and captain Aaron Mordecai led by example throughout. Half backs Joe Symons and Scott Jones made good use of possession and tactical kicking in the first half and defensive clearances in the second period, while centre Luke Yardley's tackling was outstanding throughout."

This Saturday the second XV entertain Pill Harriers in a WRU Conference fixture, while the first XV also play at Newbridge Fields against Bonymaen in Division 1 West Central.

Team photographer John Cannon will be taking senior team season photos prior to the warm-ups at 1.20pm.

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WIN FOR PENCOED

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Pencoed replied in kind four minutes later through Tom Cross. Another penalty from Nantymoel kept the visitors in touch, but next to score was Pencoed's Kyle Barrett, who forced his way over following continued pressure from the home side. Tom Cross duly added the extras.

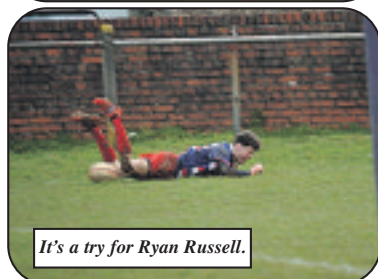
Nantymoel, to their credit, refused to roll over and were rewarded with a converted try on 60 minutes leaving a score of 22-19 going into the final quarter.

To the obvious relief of the home support, Pencoed got the all-important next score, a pushover try from Dan Watkins highlighting Pencoed's dominance at the scrums; the conversion failed.

Nantymoel's No 10 kicked a fifth successful penalty on 72 minutes, however the last word belonged to Pencoed, when Lloyd Bargery forced his way over for



Kieron Moore scores.



It's a try for Ryan Russell.

their fifth try, which went unconverted, leaving Pencoed winners by 32-22.

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7, sees Pencoed play their final home fixture of the season, when Cwmavon are the visitors.

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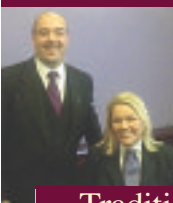
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Ben will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Monday, 23rd April, service at St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 1pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be made to Brain Tumour Research c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoe, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

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GILL

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VICKER

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THOMAS

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Ron will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

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HUMPHREY

Ernest Keith

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Vale Karate land club championship title!



VALE Karate, based at Barry Leisure Centre, were once again crowned club champions at the finals of this season's Welsh Karate League last weekend.

Merthyr Leisure Centre was the venue on Sunday, March 25, when the current season came to a dramatic conclusion.

At one point, towards the end of a busy day, and with only a few categories remaining, Vale Karate, who had led the medal table all season, were one gold medal behind the combined ESKU/GKR English squad, who had joined forces to attempt win the championship.

However Vale Karate coaches Leah Copeland, Luke Howard and Kee Wong, all competing, had other ideas as they swung the pendulum Vale's way with comfortable wins in the ladies, men's and adult team Kumite events to leave Vale with a season's tally of 59 gold medals, at the top of the medal table for the sixth successive season!

Bradley James was Vale's first champion, taking the first place trophy in the under-14 Special Needs category for the third successive year!

His great win was one of nine that Vale won this season.

Starting the season last March, not long after his fifth birthday, Jakob Bartush, now six, secured the 'Champion of Champions' trophy in

the under-8 boys Kata event with a bronze medal, his sixth medal of the season, a tally that included two golds.

Seven-year-old Angel Manayani, four times a gold medalist this season, was under-8 girls champion and Amelie Fisher led a Vale 1-2-3 in the under-10 mixed Novice Kata ahead of Elle-Mai Lee and Jack Eustace. Elle-Mai also won third place in the Kumite.

Ellie-Jayne Farrugia was under-12 girls Advanced Kata Champion with Vale's double WUKF European Champion Chiara Baker, a multiple Champion of Champions over previous seasons, a comfortable winner of the under-14 Kata trophy, also adding the third place Kumite trophy.

Josh Davies, celebrating his 16th birthday, didn't contest the under-16 boys Kumite, but had done enough this season to secure the champions trophy. In his place, club-mate Chris Slack won the under-16 Kumite gold medal, securing a third place overall finish in the process.

Sarah Morgan, absent due to illness, was ladies veteran Kata champion, and Leah Copeland was ladies Kumite Champion of Champions, despite only entering three times this season as she was concentrating on her coaching duties.

Vale Karate have no time to kick back as the new season starts again in earnest in April.

CC

Bridgend Athletic set to host young rugby tournament

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC mini and junior sections hold their annual rugby tournament at Bryntirion School this Sunday, April 8, commencing 10am.

Spectators are very welcome to attend and view the young talent on display from all over Wales.

British Lions Lee Byrne and Rhys Webb started in the Athletic mini and junior teams, as did Welsh internationals Josh Navidi, Scott Baldwin, Matthew Morgan and a host of other Welsh age group and regional players.

Maybe the next crop of Welsh internationals will be on view.

AB



News from Seaview Lads

FISHING remains lean with few fish being landed.

We had one competition where not a single fish was weighed in! Those fish that have been caught have mostly been tiddlers.

Thankfully, anglers have digital scales that can record weights in grams and fractions of an ounce, since a quarter ounce has been all that has separated placings at times!

When the club was established 40 years ago, nobody would have believed that things would have become so bad!

The lads that went to the Canary Islands were rewarded with some excellent fish however, the size and quality of which we will never see off our shores.

The keenly-fished doubles competition after three legs is a close run thing with only 4lb separating first from last places - perhaps this coming weekend will change that.

Club members carried on fishing local marks regardless of the lack of fish, showing a gritty determination to keeping

local angling shops in business and supporting the local economy.

Mickey Langford has continued to dominate the places including two cod and a bass in his recent catches, a remarkable feat given their scarcity!

At least the social side of the club looks healthy with several trips coming up in the next couple of months and plenty more in the pipeline.

This should give members plenty of opportunities to drown their sorrows!

Results: March 21 - 1st M Langford, 2nd P Coles; March 11 - 1st M Langford 6lb 6oz, 2nd S Davies 13oz, 3rd P Coles 1oz; February 25 - All anglers blanked; February 18 - 1st M Langford 3lb 15oz; February 11 - 1st J Gallivan 4lb 4oz, 2nd A Harris 10.5oz, 3rd A Kernacki 9oz, 4th G Spiteri 2.5oz, 5th P Coles 2.25oz; February 4 - 1st A Kernacki 1lb 10oz, 2nd A Harris 10.25oz, 3rd K Salih 8oz, 4th G Spiteri 2oz.

JC

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NEW FOOTBALL TEAM FORMED IN ST ATHAN



The Saints has formed a new football team for youngsters in the village.

A NEW football team has been formed for youngsters in St Athan who are aged around 10 years of age.

Lisa Austin told The GEM: "With no football taking place for children roughly 10-years-old, we have now made a start in St Athan as part of the The Saints project 'Learn, Grow, Play

Together'.

"The team has been set up as a positive environment in which all the children can learn about the game and become active and enjoy themselves.

"The project is a positive community initiative and we will be working hard to promote it and get sponsorship for the children.

"It is great to see some new sport back in the area."

Barry Athletic bowlers are thrilled with renewed sponsorship deal



James and Gordon Mason have renewed their sponsorship with Barry Athletic Bowling Club.

Barry Athletic Bowling Club is delighted to be renewing its sponsorship with Mason's Self Storage for the new season.

The sponsorship provided by the local, family-run company will allow the club to provide embroidered playing jackets to all club members for the coming

season.

Club chairman Richard Bowen said: "The club were delighted with the financial support from the Mason family last season and their generous support of our club.

"The funding has allowed us to provide real tangible benefits for all our members and also allowed us to develop the club in the way that we want.

"The support from local businesses helps our club to grow and provide facilities that can benefit the whole community."

James Mason said: "We are delighted to support Barry Athletic Bowling Club for a second year running. It is part of our initiative to support sport in the Vale and we are excited to be part of the growth and success of the club in 2018."

It promises to be a busy season on the green in 2018 for the famous Barry club.

As well as a rigorous league season to look forward to, there will be plenty of additional fixtures and events to whet the appetite of players and members alike.

The first team squad will be looking to bounce back to the top division this year after the narrow relegation last year.

The second team squad is looking to consolidate its position after its promotion last year and will benefit from the continued leadership of captain Paul Webley.

The club is honoured to be hosting a 10-nation test match in July at which bowlers from across the world will descend on the four wood green in Barry to compete in a round robin tournament which will serve as a pre-cursor to the Atlantic Games in

2019.

Visiting countries will include bowls heavyweights from South Africa, Australia and Malaysia, as well as some of the home nations in what should be an exciting competition for players and spectators alike.

This will be followed in August with an under-18 match between Scotland and Wales.

The club is also delighted to be reinstating its fixture against its neighbours from the football section where a dozen of the managers and coaches from Barry Athletic FC will take on a club select team during the season – there will be a handicap system for the match. In the past the fixture has been successful in encouraging new members.

Under the watchful eye of the 'Greens Manager' David Snelling, and supported by Avonmore, the green looks in fine condition ahead of the season opening in April.

The club's aim is to provide members and guests with one of the best and most consistent playing surfaces in Wales.

The chairman Mr Bowen added: "Our season starts on April 14 with the traditional opening event at the green.

"This is open to club members and the local community. There will be an opportunity to try bowls perhaps for the first time – coaching and support is always available for new players.

"There is always a warm welcome for former members too as the club looks to start the season with a number of friendly fixtures to prepare the squads for the competition ahead."

EVERYONE for tennis is the message from Barry Athletic Tennis Club to new members as it launches its new season with its open day on Saturday, April 7 at 2pm, with a new programme of adult and junior coaching and social tennis for all ages and abilities.

The club provides fine facilities for anyone who loves playing tennis in the Barry area at its attractive location on Barry Island, in the grounds of Barry Athletic

Club – just behind the promenade on the Island. Members can enjoy year-round tennis with our four high quality all weather courts.

The club has a partnership with Tennis Squad Coaching Academy with its team of tennis coaches who offer award-winning services.

Open adult and junior coaching sessions are run on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

As a member of the LTA, the club's members can enter a draw for Wimbledon tickets at cost price.

Barry Athletic Tennis Club is run by volunteers

with any profits reinvested into the club's activities and facilities.

With its own pavilion with lounge, kitchen, changing rooms, toilets, and showers, it offers good viewing facilities of activities on courts.

There is ample free car parking at all times and members can use the facilities of the bar in the nearby bowls pavilion.

Barry Tennis Club is affiliated to Tennis Wales, the National Governing Body for tennis in Wales, which is part of The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA).

For more details visit www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/BarryTennis.

Open day at Barry Athletic Tennis Club

Barry & District Ladies Skittles League results

WEEK commencing March 29).

Division 1 - Bakers Dozen 293 (K.James 28), Sea View Gals 267 (V.Pycroft 28); Pila Pala's 309 (E.Dyke 33), Family & Friends 296 (M.Ogstan 32);

Red Admiral 199 (G. Williams 26), Barry Stars 265 (N.Jones 28); Cigar Ladies 293 (L.Webb 30), Colcot Ladies (J.Holland 28); Coppers 321 (J.Williams 33), Fallen Angels 302 (A.Rees 32).

Division 2 - Castle Bandits 236 (S.King 28), Breakaways 326 (J.Watkins & V.Martin 26); Roller Coasters 227 (C.Thomas 25), Clickies 151 (M.Williams 25); Rhooose Starlights 236 (L.Davies 25), Witich Widows 226 (M.McKinny 28); Special Angels 232 (C.Thomas 30), Airways Angels 243 (A.Crook and L.Taylor 25); Challengers 317 (A.Richards 36), Bobby's Girls 300 (G.Toogood 32); Witich Weebies 333 (M.Rogers 41), Sea View Lights 167 (L.Norris

Division 3 - Off the Rails 267 (G.Griffiths 27), RugbyTriers 229 (M.Howells 27); Hillbillies 304 (J.Lomas, M.Brinkworth and G.Moorecraft 30), After Eights 309 (M.Conibear 30); Sea View Ladies 298 (C.Griffiths 33), Little Devils 285 (J.Jones 34);

Merry Makers 227 (R.Collins 28), Persuaders 216 (K.Kemp 28); Westenders 294 (B.Goddard and C.Gee 30), Dolly Mixtures 267 (K.Rideout 28); Uptown Girls 224 (R.Dutton 26), Etcetera 228 (J.Barten 24).

Division 4 - Hellraisers 229 (M.Davies 25), Twilights 209 (C.Brown 24); Livin on a Spare 279 (S.Townsend 34), Boozy Birds 330 (C.Connell 34); Nite Outers 217 (M.Wright 23), Odd Bods 194 (G.James 23); Optimists 254 (E.Playle 26), The Witches 218 (C.Green 29).

HB

Farmers head west for a warm welcome



Winning golfers Hugh Williams, David Williams and Bob Glover with sponsors' representative Tosh Taylor and society captain Keith James.

CARMARTHEN Golf Club with its 360 degrees panoramic views over miles of outstanding Welsh countryside proved a perfect venue recently for the monthly meeting of 28 members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, generously sponsored by JCP Solicitors of Cowbridge.

Despite the difficult underfoot conditions caused by the recent spell of wet weather, the course was in reasonably good condition allowing the majority to enjoy the afternoon's golf.

Leading the field at the end of the competition was retired Llancadle farmer David Williams who returned a winning score of 34 stableford points, just one more than runner-up Hugh Williams who finished with 33.

Julian Golunski, with 29 points, finished in third place and society vice-captain Clive Thomas, with 28 points,

finished in fourth. Bob Glover with 29 points won the visitors' prize.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan-sponsored par-three holes were Neil McLean, Martin Edwards, Hugh Williams and Mike King.

David Williams collected the longest drive prize and John Thomas returned home with the Premier Turf Ltd sponsored bottle of whisky when correctly guessing just 12 balls would remain overnight in the adjoining county.

Mention must be made of the excellent catering facilities available at this friendliest of golf clubs. The three-course carvery meal enjoyed by all prior to the presentation of prizes was undoubtedly one of the best meals served to the members during its 33-year existence.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26 at Newport (Rogerstone) sponsored by local NFU agents Kelly, Harris and Conlon.

T McC

Bowls club to hold open day in Sully

SULLY Sports Clubhouse/Green, Sully Sports Ground, South Road, Sully. Men's captain John Kirk, and ladies' captain Mary Dare, extend a warm welcome to all members, past, current

and new. Don't worry if you are a novice, or have never bowled, free coaching is available to all newcomers.

The men practice, and hold team selection, on a Monday evening, and their main fixtures include the Private Greens League, and Carruthers Cup, on Saturday afternoons, and the Munro Cup on Wednesday evenings.

The ladies have their practice and coaching sessions on Tuesday evenings, and play in the women's Evening League.

Anyone wishing to join can turn up at the Club on the afternoon of April 14 or contact Peter Holland (men's secretary) on 01446 622490 or Mary Dare (ladies captain) on 01446 732994.

MS

Murch Bowling Club's welcome for new members

MURCH Bowling Club players are looking forward to the start of their bowling season on Saturday, April 14, from 2pm.

If you have ever wondered about outdoor bowls you would be welcome to come along to meet us and take the opportunity to try your hand at bowling.

Our members will confirm that it is a fun, sociable sport with that extra element of exercise which we all need to keep fit.

Bowls will be provided, just wear flat-soled shoes. We are situated at the end of

Sunnycroft Lane Dinas Powys.

You will meet some of our existing members who will be happy to discuss with you the merits of the game. It will also give you a chance to enjoy the excellent facilities in our club house.

If you would like more information please contact Cynthia Russell (president) on 02920 513619, Graham Russell (treasurer) on 02920 513619, Eileen Carryer (secretary) on 02920 515568 or Maurice Warman (men's secretary) on 02920 512575.

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59 SKODA Octavia 1.4 TSi Elegance Auto. In met blue, only 51,000 miles **£5,295**

10 FORD Fiesta 1.4 TDCi Titanium 3-Dr In electric blue, 51,000 miles, bluetooth, £20 road tax **£4,995**

10 FORD Fiesta Titanium 1.4 3-Dr. In panther black, 63,000 miles, bluetooth, FSH **£4,995**

59 MINI Cooper Convertible In cream white with brown leather and hood **£4,695**

09 SKODA Octavia 1.9 Diesel TDi Ambiente Auto Estate In met blue, 39,000 miles **£4,995**

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12 FORD Fiesta Edge 1.4 TDCi 3-Dr. In Colorado Red, 71,000 miles, £20 road tax **£4,295**

12 PEUGEOT 207 Sportium HDi 1.4 Diesel In met black, 49,000 miles with sat-nav **£4,295**

09 FORD Fiesta Style Plus 1.4 5-Dr. In Morello red, 70,000 miles, 1 owner **£4,295**

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Turf Topics

WEATHER permitting, **point-to-point** steeplechasing returns to Ystradowen this Saturday when the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt stage their meeting at Uplands Farm.

There will be seven races with the first of them at 2pm and organisers will be hoping that they will attract as many racegoers as the Glamorgan Hunt races did a fortnight earlier.

The John Lovell National Mens Open over three miles and six furlongs is a qualifier for the Timico Mixed Open Final at Cheltenham on Friday, May 4.

EVAN'S DEVON WINNER

LLANHARAN'S Evan David chalked-up another winner this season when landing the Intermediate race at the Horseheath Point-To-Point Steeplechases last Sunday (April 1) on Andrew Penneck's *Mahlers Spirit*, the heavily backed favourite.

At Buckfastleigh in Devon, Ben Jones, son of

former Welsh champion rider Dai Jones, won the Maiden race on Gordon Chambers' *Predestined* who was a 5-2 chance.

The West Wales National Handicap Chase over three-and-a-half miles at Ffos Las, and worth £15,890 to the winner, went to the Peter Bowen-trained and well-backed 6-1 chance *Henri Parry Morgan*, who beat course winner *Jenny's Surprise* by one and a quarter lengths.

Henri Parry Morgan, who is by that good stallion *Brian Boru*, was ridden by Mr Bowen's son Sean, who, like his younger brother James, has taken the horse racing world by storm.

West Wales' Loran Williams took the opening handicap hurdle on Adrain Wintle's *De Bene Esse* and Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn's *Never Equalled* under Sean Houlihan won the two-and-a-half miles hurdle race.

Last Saturday's Monmouthshire Point-To-Point was rained off and officials are hoping a new date can be found.

BRIAN LEE



Tessa Matthews, Eirianwen Thomas, Marion Stephenson, Lorraine Pointon-Bell and Jenny McGlyne.

No shortage of (Easter) birdies at Cottrell Park!

COTTRELL PARK Golf Club ladies section recently held an Easter Texas Scramble and lunch on Thursday, March 29.

The sun was shining, the birds were singing and everyone was happy. They had Easter eggs before they went out and alas on the first hole, the rain came down in a torrent and did not stop the whole way around.

Some very sad ladies came in with wet, soggy cards!

Results: first place

Nan Thomas, Jenny McGlyne, Tessa Matthews and Marion Stephenson with 28.8 on nine holes; second place Lorraine Pointon Bell, Anne Birt, Jan Gambling and Jenny Lord with 30.4; considering the mud and rain, it was a good result.

This was followed by a hot buffet which was very well received by the frozen and wet ladies.

The winter eclectic was won jointly by Kay Bradbury and Lorraine Pointon Bell – a good time was had by all.

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ABOVE: Jan Gambling (left) and Tina Morgan (right).

Local golf club hits Sport Relief target



Left to right: club manager Derek Smith, lady captain Mrs Lorraine Pointon-Bell and the men's captain Bob Magee.

COTTRELL Park 36 hole golf resort is delighted to announce it has achieved the target of raising £1,000 for Sport Relief 2018 with its golf and sports simulator challenge.

On Friday, March 23 PGA professional Gareth Bennett started playing on one of the two state-of-the-art sports simulators at 7am.

He was later joined by staff members Jordan Standing and Iestyn James as they aimed to play golf continuously for 12 hours.

Members and guests also took part by playing a few holes and by entering the 'nearest the pin' competition with a £1 per person entry going to the charity. Competitors included the lady captain Lorraine Pointon-Bell, and the club's general manager, Derek Smith.

The golf and sports simulators, which were refurbished in 2017, now offer other sports such as rugby, ice hockey and football and have the very latest graphics engine and camera technology to track the player's movements.

These machines are available to hire by the club's members, visitors and for corporate bookings.

Eleven golf courses were chosen to play over the 12-hour period. They were: Spyglass Hill, Pebble Beach, Oxie, Riffa, Turnberry, Renaissance, Emirates Majlis, Lynx, Innisbrook Copperhead, English Oaks, Fontainebleau.

Money was raised through sponsorship, entry fees to the nearest the pin competition, collection buckets and from two of the club's corporate members, Igloo Healthcare Limited and KCS Transport Limited, both of which donated £100.

The resort and club members would like to thank all those who took part and donated.

Derek Smith, the club's general manager said: "We are delighted to have achieved our target of £1,000 to donate to Sport Relief and had great fun raising the money on our golf and sports simulators for a brilliant cause."

"Thanks to our volunteers and the ladies' section for coming up to support. The team here can't wait for Comic Relief next where I'm sure they will come up with some novel ideas."

Further details on Sport Relief 2018 and how they use money raised is available on their website

www.sportrelief.com.

Trystan looking for sponsorship

TRYSTAN MACIVER, who attends Cowbridge Comprehensive School (year 7) and lives in St Nicholas has been selected to represent Basketball Wales under-12 boys in a tournament in Belfast.

Trystan is looking for companies to sponsor him – the package will include a Welsh t-shirt with their company logo on that Trystan will be wearing on tour. They will also have the company logo put onto Basketball Wales website



and Facebook page.

If you're interested in supporting Trystan, then call 07866142806 or email daniellemaciver@googlemail.com.

Netballer Kyra gets Commonwealth Games call-up

CARDIFF and Vale College's head of netball, Kyra Jones, has been selected to represent Wales at the Commonwealth Games.

Kyra, who has played for Wales in the Netball World Cup and previous Commonwealth Games, has been selected for the Welsh netball squad for the 2018 Games in Gold Coast, Australia.

She is head of the college's Netball Academy, where 16 to 18-year-olds can study for A Levels or vocational qualifications while training to be the netball stars of the future.

Kyra will gain valuable experience both on and off the court that will benefit the CAVC

Academy students when she returns.

Kyra said: "I aim to gain more experience and knowledge to be able to bring that back to my role as head of netball at CAVC."

Kyra will also be encouraging the CAVC Netball Academy players to watch the games.

"It will be a great opportunity for the girls to sit down and watch the games," she explained. "It will show them what it takes to be able to play for your country."

CAVC sporting academies provide a supportive and specialist environment - for more information visit www.cavc.ac.uk.

Impressive outing for JSTKD

IT was another impressive outing for Team JSTKD at the recent English Tae Kwon Do Championships as, once again, the Vale-based Tae Kwon Do school returned home with new champions and medal winners.

The team comprised Menna and Harri Birmingham, Zac and Joe Grinter, Alex Munn, Jessica Doogue and Darcy Griffin, and all turned in polished performances across both patterns and sparring disciplines.

Menna and Darcy were drawn against each other in the girls' Black Belt Middleweight sparring which, despite them both demonstrating a range of skills, unfortunately meant that the team immediately lost one competitor.

Zac, meanwhile, was busy competing in the boys' Blue Belt Peewee division and unusually for him, didn't quite make the medals this time around.

However, younger brother Joe made sure that the Grinter household didn't return



empty handed as he secured the boys' Green Belt Tiny Tots champion title.

Jessica Doogue was also in medal-winning form and grabbed not one but two bronzes in the girls' Red Belt

Peewee division by making her mark in both the individual and tag team events.

Harri was also on top form in the tag team event, battling it out to great effect in the boys' Black Belt competition

where he claimed a gold.

However, the outstanding performance of the day award has to go to Alex who treated everyone to a truly superior display in his event, to earn himself the title of boys' Blue Belt Lightweight champion.

JSTKD has classes throughout the Vale for all levels and ages and offers a free taster session for new students. Please see www.jstkd.co.uk for details.

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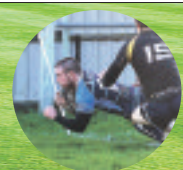
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Principality Stadium beckons as Porthcawl RFC make history!

HISTORY was made at Taffs Well RFC on Saturday as Porthcawl RFC reached the final of the WRU Bowl for the very first time, in a scintillating match of great quality that culminated in an extraordinary finish.

A very cold and windy afternoon saw Abercwmboi almost open the scoring after 10 minutes of opening exchanges, with both packs sizing each other up, and the village side appearing to have opened the door with full back Matthew Jones coming close to scooting over for the opening try, only for the ball to be lost in a tackle.

Seaweeds' outside half Josh White tried his kicking boots moments later as he went for a 55-metre shot at a penalty from inside his own half, his effort falling just below the bar.

Porthcawl were getting plenty of possession from line-outs against a huge Aber pack through skipper Richard Hnyda and the irrepressible Leon McNally, and when full-back Ben Thomas' mazy run and pass to Jon Phillips set up flanker Ben Asprea for a typical charge, White's long pass unfortunately went astray as the promising position came to grief as Porthcawl pressed.

White made up for it two minutes later as he secured the opening points for Porthcawl as

the defence gave away an easy penalty from 15 metres in front of the posts and it was 0-3.

Abercwmboi are enjoying a tremendous season and when they reacted strongly to the Seaweeds score, it was full-back Jones who made no mistake this time, steaming his way over for a super try out wide for 5-3, the conversion well adrift.

A wayward high tackle by Aber presented White with another penalty opportunity from 45 metres and the outside half made no mistake to put Porthcawl back in front.

It was White again moments later, snatching a further three points for 5-9 with a punishing penalty from 52 metres, bringing down the curtain on the scoring at the break.

Abercwmboi kicked off the second half and took just two minutes to get in front as Porthcawl's vaunted defence, the best in the league this season, erred uncharacteristically and Aber scrum half Tom Owens, a very competent operator, needed no invitation to scamper over at the posts for a try converted by Jordan Rees for 12-9.

When Rees slotted a penalty as the Seaweeds fell offside at a ruck for 15-9 Porthcawl knew that it would take everything they had in the tank to avoid falling further behind and to get back on terms.

It all seemed to have got away from Porthcawl when Abercwmboi colossus



Gareth Rees about to run over for the match-winning try. ALL PICTURES BY TRACEY WILLIAMS



Josh White with the ball, Jon Phillips and Morgan Evans in support.

Lee Jarvis at No 8 finished off an almighty forward drive with an unconverted try to make it 20-9, with the Seaweeds needing two scores to pull the match out of the fire.

It seemed to go from bad to worse as White left with a leg injury for Porthcawl, and a re-jigged backline as Jordan Skidmore came on with Phillips moving to fly-half.

This apparent setback however, seemed to galvanise Porthcawl as

they sensed their opponents starting to tire deep in the second half and with less than 10 minutes of normal time remaining, the match suddenly turned.

Porthcawl's pack found another gear and some new-found pressure on the Aber defence forced a series of scrums in their 22.

Seaweeds flanker Owen Thomas, having been a scourge to the opposition with surge after surge following his second half introduction to the match, profited from the quick ball and used all his strength to plough over for a try under the posts, defenders hanging from his back.

Ben Thomas' conversion brought it to 20-16, with time ticking away and an improbable comeback on the cards.

A huge Abercwmboi attacking kick upfield found its way to Aled Davies, then to Phillips deep in home territory, and as the Porthcawl attack advanced between 22 and halfway, Phillips' huge pass eventually reached prop Tim Lunn, whose great hands found centre Gareth Rees.

The mercurial speedster produced a sublime 'show and go' to scythe through an

unbelieving Abercwmboi last line of defence and gleefully strode under the posts for a glorious individual try, that covered more than 50 metres, to snatch the match, converted by Ben Thomas, to bring the score to 20-23.

Aber came back for one more assault, only for a handling error to bring it all crashing down, and as the referee's whistle blew for no-side, the huge travelling Porthcawl support triumphantly greeted their side, with unbridled joy, a momentous result, especially as Porthcawl had played in every round of the competition with no byes.

This was a superb match and a credit to both sides, played in a marvellous spirit and the generosity of Abercwmboi's players, in congratulating Porthcawl as both teams shook hands, was greatly appreciated and brought a great occasion to a close.

So, all roads from Porthcawl will lead to the Principality Stadium on April 29 when the Seaweeds will aim to make more history against the students of Cardiff University.

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Scott Walters is tackled. ALL PICTURES BY GARETH ANTHONY.

Late penalty gives Tondy the victory

A penalty from Josh Tatchell sealed the double for the season for Tondy over Bonymaen - but this game barely hit the heights of the previous week's encounter at Bonymaen.

It took the Waterwheelers 17 minutes to find the whitewash when second row Steffan Jones crashed over from a five metre lineout. Tatchell added the conversion from wide out to give his side a 7-0 advantage.

Lawrence Thomas then slotted a penalty for the visitors before Tatchell replied for the home side. Bonymaen then levelled the scores at 10-10 on the stroke of half-time with a deserved Kyle Salter try which Thomas duly converted.

Some great handling from Tondy early in second half saw outside half Paul Smithson ghost over for a well-worked try and Josh Tatchell



Paul Smithson scores.

added a simple conversion.

Both sides struggled to find any consistency for much of the second half though, much to do with a far from consistent refereeing display and it was Bonymaen who struck again in the last minute with a try for scrum half Connor Salter.

Thomas added the extra points and the game looked set for a stalemate at 17-17.

But these days Tondy don't seem to know when to throw in the towel and proceeded to pile on the pressure as we moved into stoppage time.

This brought a penalty

and it was that man Tatchell who provided the winning points with a sublime effort from wide out.

Tondy entertain this Saturday at Pandy Park, kick off 2.30pm, before a long journey to Kenfig Hill the following week.

Tondy seconds were also home on Saturday and chalked up a memorable 25-12 win over Maesteg Quins.

Their tries came from Adam Lang (two) Matthew Sage and Owen Bayliss, with Luke Whithall landing a penalty and conversion.

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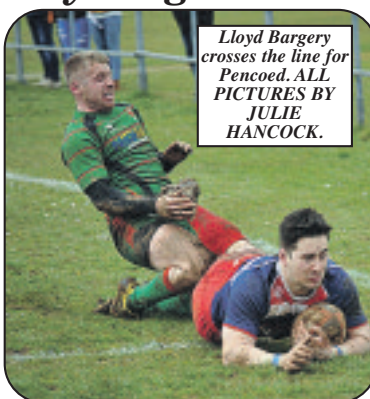
The Pencoed conundrum strikes yet again!

PENCOED continue to be a bit of a conundrum. Another bonus point victory, this time against Nantymoel RFC, yet still not firing on all cylinders.

Following patient build-up work from Pencoed, a massive gap opened up in the Nantymoel defence, allowing captain Kieron Moore to gallop over and touch down under the posts with eight minutes gone.

Tom Cross, who took over kicking duties from Adam Williams, who was injured in the warm-up, duly added the extras.

Pencoed's ability to give away penalties allowed the Nantymoel No 10, who had a fine afternoon off the tee, to



Lloyd Bargery crosses the line for Pencoed. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

kick two successful goals.

The Pencoed three quarters strung together a fine passing move, freeing up Ryan Russell who took his chance well to touch down wide out. The conversion

failed leaving a half-time score of 12-6.

Nantymoel scored first in the second half, after another penalty was given away at the kick off.

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Latest news from the Bridgend Bridge Club

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, March 28: First, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; equal second, Steve Burgoyne and Linda Pinnock, and Tony Disley and John Evans. The winners on handicap were Liam Sheridan and John Beard.

On Thursday, March 29: First, Linda Jenkins and Bill Turner; second, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; third, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks. The winners on handicap were Linda Jenkins and Bill Turner.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm,

again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Lessons for beginners are being run by Steve Burgoyne, contact Steve for further details on his number below.

On Thursdays there is a session starting at 1pm on slightly advanced topics and this week, John Evans will present a seminar on knowing your score and when to compete for a part score.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

GJ